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New English instructor succumbs to heart attack

By ERIC GRUBER
Associate Editor

Missouri Southern recently lost an instructor who loved the College, his teaching, and all of his students.

Dr. Jerry Erwin, adjunct instructor of composition, died at his home on Friday, Oct. 1 after a sudden illness. He was 56.

This semester was Erwin's first at Southern after completing his doctorate of philosophy at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Miss. While there, he served as an adjunct instructor from 1998-1999 teaching four semesters of Technical Writing.

Dr. Dale Simpson, head of the English department, spoke of a meeting he once had with Erwin after he began working for Southern.

"He did say he told everybody outside the College that he was really impressed with the place, that this is

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the best organized place he's ever worked at," Simpson said.

"Especially the English department, he said, was the best organized and the College was the best organized. He was just really happy to be here."

Starr Franklin, sister of the deceased instructor, said the death came suddenly and without warning after he had come home to Miami, Okla., after teaching his classes. After his brother, Joe Erwin, died in July, he moved in with his brother Bill and sister-in-law Alice. He had planned on moving in his new place tomorrow.

"He had told her [Alice] he had a headache, and took some aspirin, and fixed him a sandwich, and was talking to my sister-in-law about his day at school and her phone rang,

and she went into her office to answer it," Starr said. "She walked back into the kitchen...and he was dead."

Starr said Jerry was thrilled with his job and enjoyed his students and working at Southern. The English department had been looking for someone to fill an instructor position, and he walked in one day and filled the position, without knowing beforehand the College was even looking.

"He didn't even know they were advertising," Starr said. "He just went to see if they had any positions available."

His accomplishments include writing short stories, poetry, and having several works published. He was also involved in Web site publications. He was a winner of the Outstanding Achievement in Creative Writing, awarded by the College of Liberal Arts, University of Central Oklahoma in 1990. □

GAME FACE



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Shara Hauck, senior elementary education major, waits to get her ticket for the Missouri Southern/Pittsburg State University football game.

Budget plan moves forward

By JEFF WELLS
Executive Editor

Fiscal Year 2001 will bring continued construction on Missouri Southern's campus.

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) placed the \$12 million that the College requested for building a health science building sixth on its list of priorities. The Board members voted on the recommendation in its meeting on Thursday.

The funding for the health science building is Southern's only capital request forwarded to the Board members.

The CBHE also evaluated operating expenses. The College requested \$25,901,773 and the CBHE staff recommended a slightly smaller number.

College President Julio Leon said the CBHE recom-

mended for Southern a total increase of 9.4 percent over fiscal 2000. This compares to an 8.8 percent average among all the CBHE institutions.

"Both the governor and the General Assembly rely very heavily on the recommendation of the CBHE," Leon said. "It looks promising right now."

However, Leon said several hurdles must be cleared before the College gets the check.

"It is possible that we won't get that, but the CBHE recommendation is a very good one should we get that," Leon said.

Paul Wagner, a CBHE research associate, said all of the projects at the top of the list received money last year.

"It is near the top of the list because it has prior recommendation and it received planning money," Wagner said.

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Holocaust victim tells of trauma, pain

By ERIN SELLERS
Associate Editor

The horrors of the Holocaust were revealed to a crowd of Midwesterners on Friday, Oct. 1. William Bernheim, a Polish concentration camp survivor, spoke to a standing-room-only crowd in Webster Hall auditorium about his experiences during World War II and about the art that his experiences inspired.

"He endured an ordeal beyond what any of us can imagine," said Dr. William Tannenbaum, assistant professor of history, in his introduction.

Although the auditorium was filled beyond capacity, not a single person made a noise as Bernheim spoke.

"An ocean of ink cannot describe the horrors," Bernheim started. "Can anyone explain to me how a country that produces the likes of Nietzsche, Freud, and Einstein can do something so evil?"

Bernheim went on to describe how he was separated from his mother, left clutching a ring that she gave him as they were torn apart.

"I cried, I begged — it didn't help," he said.

The description of the final hours of the camp revealed a glimpse of just how horrible the conditions were. In order to stay hidden from German soldiers, Bernheim hid under a pile of dead bodies until the United States soldiers rescued his 62-pound body from the stack of corpses.

Bernheim told of how the Jewish prisoners were awakened up in the middle of the night and made to stand out in the snow without coats or shoes.

"I'd put paper under my shirt to keep warm from the snow," Bernheim said. "A soldier discovered what I'd been doing and punished me with 30 lashes and threw me out like a dog in the snow."

Dr. Barry Brown, professor of philosophy and the person Bernheim and his wife stayed with, said that it is evident that Bernheim still suffers chills originating from the harsh treatment during the war.

"I just kept turning up my heat," Brown



MATT MADURA/The Chart

William Bernheim, a Polish concentration camp survivor, and his wife, Lucille, speak with audience members following Bernheim's presentation in Webster Hall auditorium.

said, "I was boiling everybody else out to keep him warm enough. When I have someone like that staying at my house I'm not going to worry about my heating bill."

Just when the audience would recover from one horrifying fact, Bernheim would tell of another nightmare. But the main theme of Bernheim's speech was human triumph. All through his ordeal, Bernheim never lost faith in God.

"God pulled me out of my living hell," Bernheim said. "Some people say, 'How can a God let that happen?' I am a survivor, I am speaking to future generations. I have to believe in a higher power who guides us in the right direction."

Bernheim kept his striped concentration camp pants as a reminder of the war.

"Those pants are my relic," he said. "If I ever have a problem I go to my closet and look at my pants and say, 'God, if I can survive that I can do anything.'"

That is the message that Bernheim wants to get across to young people.

"I had such desire to live and I prayed

that someday I would tell the world how the Germans tortured us," Bernheim said. "Please remember to never be discouraged or never take for granted your freedom. Nothing in life is perfect but a bright future is in your hands."

Bernheim was in Joplin to promote his art. Less than five years ago, Bernheim began putting his memories down on canvas. His paintings are currently on display in the Spiva Art Center in downtown Joplin.

His wife Lucille said that one of the major draws of Joplin was its location. She said her husband believed it was important for the Midwest to hear a first-hand account of the Holocaust.

"It was important for us to go hear him because we're going to be the last generation that will be able to hear him," said Marianne Terry, sophomore general business major.

Bernheim concluded his speech with an emotional acknowledgement to his wife.

"This is my best friend in life," he said. "Without her I couldn't survive." □

Craig accepts position as program director

By JEFF BILLINGTON
Editor-in-Chief

Susan Craig has spent the last week moving her office, but that is not the only change she has made.

She is no longer a counselor/outreach coordinator. She is now the Upward Bound project director. Craig switched to her new title on Friday, Oct. 1.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said she stood out from the rest of those applying for the job.

"We thought she was the outstanding candidate of the three applicants," he said. "She interviewed with the president and he thought she'd do great."

Craig explained what her new position would entail.

"Upward Bound is a federally funded grant program and what we're charged with doing is to find 50 high school students somewhere between the 9th grade and the 11th grade," she said.

"They have to be in that area and they either have to be first-generation col-

lege students or they have to meet certain economic [criteria] to be accepted into the program."

Craig explained her job will have her and a yet-to-be-hired academic adviser working closely with these students.

"We will be working to mentor these students and provide tutoring for these students," she said. "We'll provide an intensive summer program where they will be exposed to academic enhancement projects."

They will study English, foreign language, sciences, and things of that nature," Craig said. "The whole point of the program is to help them prepare for college."

But she explained this program doesn't end at academics. She will be responsible for helping them out in other areas also.

"Our goal is to see these students through high school to help them get into college," Craig said. "We, of course, help them prepare for the ACT and help them apply for financial aid."

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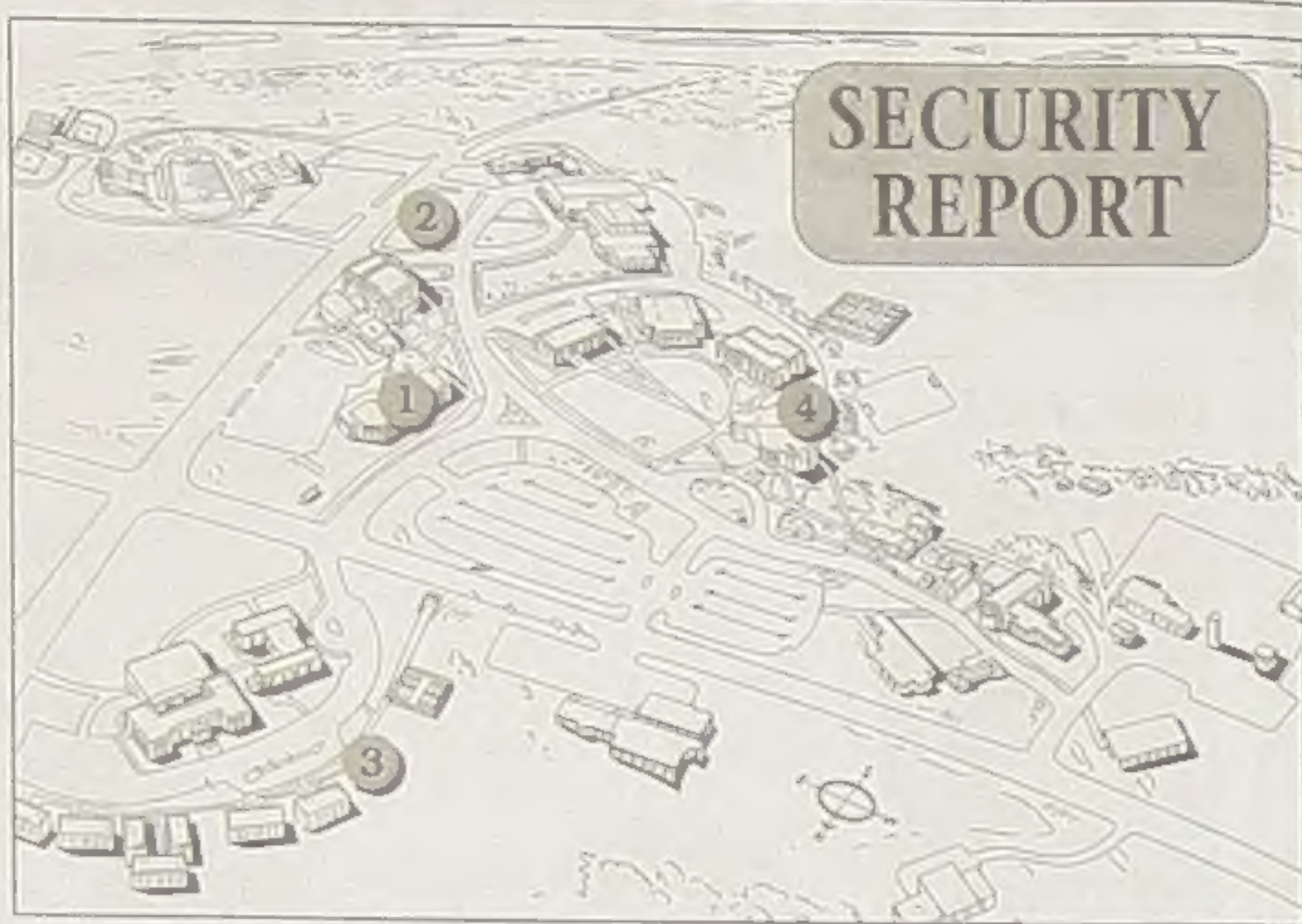
THIS WEEK

SHOWTIME:
Kris Stoker and Parade
Wilkinson star in next
week's production of
Colorado Catechism.
This play will be the
first performance in the
new James L. Walton
Theatre.....
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SECURITY
REPORT

- 1 09/24/99 Webster Hall 2:20 p.m. Jeff Billington, editor-in-chief of *The Chart*, reported a digital camera stolen. The camera was discovered missing on Sept. 27 from *The Chart* office in Webster Hall by *Chart* staff writer Melody Lanang. The camera is a Nikon CoolPix900 valued at \$1,000. The software and cable attachment for the camera are also missing. There are no suspects.
- 2 10/01/99 Lot #14 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mike Blair, freshman computer science major, reported after returning home from school he discovered someone had hit the side of his car, a 1994 green Chevrolet Camaro, putting a dent into the right side over the wheel well.
- 3 10/05/99 Gockel Hall 10:35 a.m. Two men, Justin Vickery of Loganville, Ga., and Darrin J. Pilgram of Warren, MI., were soliciting magazines sales at Gockel Hall without permission or a permit. They were advised to leave and tell their supervisor not to return or charges would be filed.
- 4 10/05/99 Lot #9 1:25 p.m. Al Woods of the grounds crew stated that while he was trimming the grass on the north curb of lot #9 with a gas trimmer, he looked up and noticed the right front glass was broken on a car belonging to Doug Camahan, dean of students. Woods advised he was certain that he had picked up the rock with the grass trimmer which hit Camahan's window, breaking it. Camahan said he believed it was the same window that had been broken out by the grounds crew once before.

All proceeds of all advertising go to *The Chart*, the student newspaper of Missouri Southern State College.

Crosswalk claims new prey

Duquesne crossing continues to be hazardous to students

By Jeff Wells
Executive Editor

On Sept. 17 Katrina Kelly, freshman secondary education speech and drama major, had no intention of becoming a statistic.

However, at 10:50 a.m. she was hit by a car while crossing Duquesne Road near Taylor Auditorium.

Kelly is at least the third Missouri Southern student hit at the crosswalk since 1994.

Kelly has a break from 10 to 11 a.m. on Fridays.

On the 24th, she had used her break to run errands with her mother. She returned to campus and her mother dropped her off on Duquesne across from Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

"My mom screamed at me, I turned around and this car was coming right at me," Kelly said.

Kelly said she tried to dodge, but there was no time.

Kelly sustained injury to her knee, but refused medical transport.

"It's healing up really nicely," Kelly said.

Bruce Miller, senior graphic art major, remembers he was not so fortunate.

On Oct. 28, 1997, Miller was hit by an automobile at the same location as Kelly's accident and he suffered a broken right fibula.

Miller said he was slow to recover.

"In fact, I ended up taking incompletes in three out

of the four classes I had that semester," he said.

Miller said he is frustrated that no changes have been made in the crosswalk area to protect students.

"It seems they don't care," he said. "People continue

to get hurt and it seems they can do nothing about it."

College President Julio Leon said Southern has addressed the issues in the past.

"Certainly we want to do everything to protect our students crossing," Leon said.

Leon said he thinks the College will eventually have to build a pedestrian overpass.

"I have heard several people say that is what they should do there," Kelly said.

Although Southern is not responsible for the street, and the lights and signs on it, Leon said the College would probably have to pay the costs.

"I don't think either the city or highway department would do it," Leon said.

He said the installation of an overpass would create another set of issues.

"You have to block the possibility of jaywalking or the overpass is no use," Leon said. "You try to narrow the odds and you hope people obey."

He said the administration was hoping there would be less need for a student overpass because of the new parking areas constructed on campus last year. In the Thursday, Sept. 15, 1994 issue of *The Chart* Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said that an overpass has been considered since 1992.

Leon said other suggestions included a spotlight or additional flashing signals; however, he said the city and highway department are concerned about traffic flow.

"There are usually reasons associated with that why they won't consider it," Leon said.

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KATRINA KELLY
Secondary Education Major

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Homecoming in Hollywood

Oct. 18-23 Schedule of Events

Monday: 9am-3pm, Mayes Student Life Center:
Extreme Air-Skydiving Simulator Sponsored by CAB

Tuesday: 10:45 am-1:15 p.m. Mayes Student
Life Center-Food Tasting-FREE! Sponsored by
Ameriserve

Wednesday: 9am-2pm-front campus-Hollywood
Trivia Contest-\$100 first prize!
Sponsored by College Orientation & CAB

Thursday: 7pm-Midnight-Mayes Student Life
Center-Casino Night-Sponsored by Student Senate

Friday: 10:45am-1:15pm-All Campus Picnic-Tons of
great food!!

6:30 pm-"Party like it's 1999" talent show-\$100
1st prize!! Taylor Performing Arts Center
After the talent show: Bonfire and yell contest -
sponsored by the cheerleaders.

After bonfire: Homecoming Dance-Connor Ballroom

Saturday: 10:00am-BSC Connor Ballroom-Alumni
Brunch

Noon: Parade on campus

2:30pm: Homecoming game vs. Truman State

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Symposium centers around Latin America

By KELLY DENGEL
Managing Editor

Christopher Columbus is getting campus-wide recognition for the first time in Missouri Southern.

In celebrating Columbus Day, the Institute of International Studies has given a \$500 grant in cooperation with Southern's Latin America Semester to generate interest in Latin American history.

Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, is heading the "Christopher Columbus and Latin America" symposium with other members of the social science department.

Gubera said the program will focus on the geographical, historical, and contemporary sociopolitical conditions facing Latin America.

The symposium is not new to the social science department. Gubera, the symposium's moderator, said the department hosted symposiums in 1991, 1993, and 1995 that dealt with international issues at the time.

"We wanted to internationalize the symposium with critical problems facing the world long before the international mission [was established]," Gubera said.

Gubera said the topics will focus around Dr. Larry Cebula, assistant professor of history, and the Latin American specialists presentation "Seven Keys to Latin America." Cebula, who has done extensive travel in South America, will address Latin American Indians,

race, geography, government, church, extractive colonial economy, and the United States.

In bettering their knowledge of the topics they are presenting, each faculty member visited the country they are to speak about.

Gubera said Dr. Paul Teverow, professor of history, will speak about the historic exploration and colonization of the Americas in his speech, "Columbus in Latin America."

Dr. Ree Wells, associate professor of sociology, received grant from Southern to hold a symposium in Brazil in 1996.

Wells' presentation of "Brazil: Reemerging Giant," will discuss the topics presented at that 1996 conference, including social eco-

nomics, customs, and traditions of Brazil.

Tom Simpson, associate professor of political science, attended a 1997 seminar in Costa Rica, and will present on the environmental and ecological problems facing Costa Rica in a session called, "Contemporary Priorities in Costa Rica."

"Costa Rica made some significant choices in the '60s," Simpson said. "They decided not to fund the military and instead to fund health care and education. As a result, the choices led to the highest literacy in Latin America and a decrease in the mortality rate."

In addition to moderating the symposium, Gubera will speak about the effects the North American Free Trade Agreement

(NAFTA) has had on Mexican people in his presentation, "A Mexican Renaissance? Social and Cultural Change in Contemporary Mexico." Gubera said the strict regulations imposed on Mexican companies within NAFTA is causing Mexicans to lose their tradition of noon-time naps — siestas — because of their need to meet production deadlines.

The program runs from 9:35 to 10:15 a.m. Monday in Webster Hall auditorium. Gubera said there won't be much time for questions at the morning session. However, more time will be available at the night session where the same symposium will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Afterward, a reception will be held with Mexican finger foods and beverages. □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Gubera highlights weekly brown bag luncheon

Last week, a full house attended Larry Cebula's talk about using the Internet to enhance traditional classes. Cebula, who emphasizes student participation through online discussion groups, e-mail, and websites, has had much success.

Today, Conrad Gubera will follow in Cebula's shoes during the brown bag luncheon. He will be showing slides and commentary on his recent trip to Mexico. He will also preview the symposium on "Christopher Columbus and Latin America" that the Social Science Department will be presenting next week in honor of the Latin America semester. Gubera's presentation begins at noon today in Billingsly Student Center room 310. Student's wishing to attend need not worry about the length of the presentation as it will let out at approximately 12:50 to accommodate those with classes. Lunch is free to those attending the session. □

CBCO bloodmobile visiting Joplin hospitals Oct. 21, 22

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) bloodmobile will be visiting Joplin at and at. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 21, the bloodmobile will be at the Joplin Family Y in the Freeman Wellness center. The following day it will be at St. John's Regional Medical Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All donors receive a free meal and can enter drawings for great gifts.

Blood is needed for hospital patients at Freeman Health System (East and West), St. John's Regional Medical Center, and other additional area hospitals served by CBCO. With the increase in medical technology, hospitals are able to provide better care. This care often includes the need for blood or various blood products. The need for blood by area hospital patients is dramatically increasing each year. All blood donated to CBCO goes directly to those patients in the Ozark area. An eligible donor is anyone who is 17 years of age or older, weighs at least 110 pounds, and hasn't given blood in the past 56 days. For more information call 623-2801. □

Big Brothers, Big Sisters kicking off mentoring drive

Big Brothers Big Sisters will kick-off their After School Mentoring Program today in the Emerson Elementary School cafeteria from 3 to 4:30 p.m. This program caters to the busy schedules of adult volunteers while allowing children the attention they need. Adult volunteers are still needed to participate in the program as Big Brothers or Sisters. Corporate sponsor, Pillsbury, has arranged for a visit from the Pillsbury Doughboy while participating children and adult volunteers enjoy dinner and other activities as they meet and get to know each other. For further information call Sandy Lovett at (417)-624-3473. □

Wyandotte paintball tournament benefits CMN

Children's Miracle Network is sponsoring a "Fall Bash '99 Paintball Tournament," this Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Bunker/Paintball City in Wyandotte, Ok.

The tournament is in an effort to help build funds for the network. Cost of the tournament will be \$100 per five person team, which includes all equipment except paint. The organization asks that only people ages 12 and up attend, and that no professional paintball teams take advantage of the occasion. Anyone wanting to watch without participating are welcome, though a small \$1 donation is suggested. In addition concessions will be available. All proceeds benefit Children's Miracle Network. For further information contact the Bunker at (918)-666-3411. □

Renaissance festival tickets still available at box office

Celebrate the middle ages Kansas City Renaissance Festival.

Tickets are for sale at the box office in the basement of Billingsly Student Center.

Tickets are \$5 for Missouri Southern students.

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) will sponsor travel to the festival Oct. 16. Persons may sign up in

Education students start final assignment

By JEFF BILLINGTON
Editor-in-Chief

Today 75 Missouri Southern seniors will begin their final requirements to become elementary and secondary educators.

Brenda Roberts, director of clinical and field experiences, said this is a necessary component of getting a degree in education at Southern.

"They are required to work with students in a school setting for a minimum of 50 days in order to meet their teacher certification requirements that the state department sets before us," she said. "So they are assigned to a school site with a cooperating teacher and they complete the 50-day student teaching assignment."

Roberts said the students assume the role of the teacher in this setting, a job that includes conducting class, creating lesson plans, playground duty, working with individual students, and meeting with parents.

"Anything that it takes to meet the needs of the students in that classroom," she said. "They will always have the guidance of their cooperating teacher just right at hand, but it's the opportunity to give them the experience of being a classroom teacher."

Megan Mickey, senior secondary education major, said she is happy it has finally arrived.

"It's nice to finally get some practical experience," she said. "I think it's a good experience for the student teacher to learn from the cooperating teacher and to just learn from the students."

Aaron Schnelle, senior elementary education major, agrees and sees it as more than just an experience.

"It's a benefit, a great experience, and a privilege for the student teacher," he said. "Being able to practice what we've been studying for these many years."

In order to qualify for student teaching, the students must meet certain admission standards, which includes having a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade-point average and a 2.5 GPA in their majors. They must also pass a comprehensive core curriculum exam, have an ACT of 20 or higher, and

write an autobiography.

Roberts said the students who will be participating in this student teaching group will be graduating in May.

"Student teaching is the last component," she said. "So when they finish up on Dec. 17th, they will walk down the line on Dec. 18th and graduate and go out and find a job."

Roberts said a couple of factors are considered when students are assigned to their high schools.

"We try to place students in what we would call a 50-mile radius within the Missouri Southern State College campus," she said. "We have a lot of students, traditional and non-traditional, that live away from campus."

Roberts said they take requests from the students as to what area they would prefer.

"We begin to investigate those request first," she said. "And, if at all possible, we try to make the placement to where the student requests. But a lot of times there's a lot of things that intervene."

"So they actually request a couple of different towns, they request by town and we try to get them in one of those areas," she said. "And we know a lot of that is based upon where they themselves live. It would be very difficult for a student to live in Nevada and to do their student teaching down in MacDonald County."

She said even though they usually try to get the students in an area close to their homes, they discourage them doing their student teaching where they went to school in the interest of a fair experience.

"We want to try and give them a fair, unbiased student teaching experience where we don't have to worry about someone not wanting to do the evaluation as needed because they don't want to hurt someone's feelings because they had that student four years ago in class," Roberts said.

She said this fall's group of student teachers is a large one.

"Generally in the fall we can expect around 50 student teachers and then the big class usually falls in the spring," Roberts said.

"This semester we seem to have a pretty good sized fall class, 75." □

Anything that it takes to meet the needs of the students in that classroom

BRENDA ROBERTS
Director of clinical and field experiences

HOUSE OF CARDS



David Hale, senior theatre major, prepares props for *Colorado Catechism* on Wednesday afternoon. Hale is also director for the production.

Senate denies allocation to Wesley Foundation

By JEFF WELLS
Executive Editor

Huffman speaks and the Senate listens. During last week's meeting, Rob Huffman, senior senator, said the Senate should not rubber stamp allocation requests. Wednesday, the body followed finance committee recommendations and cut \$1,737 from requests.

The Student Nurses Association requested \$1,000 for a trip to its national convention, Oct. 22-23 in Jefferson City. Steven Bishop, treasurer, announced a \$500 recommendation by the finance committee. Jason Kiefer, parliamentarian, questioned Bishop on the small recommendation. Bishop said the amount was the general consensus of the committee.

"I think we felt that we can cover their lodging and travel with their treasury balance," Bishop said.

He said the students would be responsible for paying their registration fees.

Kiefer recommended that the allocation be raised to \$700. His motion was rejected, and the Senate then questioned the entire allocation.

"Is it appropriate to allocate money for a trip to someplace so near?" said Jeff Wilson, junior senator.

A motion was made to allocate \$0, but the measure was defeated. The move to appropriate \$500 was made again and was successful after a hand vote.

SENATE COFFERS

OCT. 5 REQUEST:

STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION — Request: \$1,000 Received: \$500

WESLEY FOUNDATION — Request: \$1,237 Received: \$0

CURRENT BALANCE: \$11,074.00

Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.

After the debate, David Morton, senior nursing major and president of the organization, characterized the allocation as less than the group had received from the Senate in the past.

The next item before the Senate was a \$1,237 request from the Wesley Foundation soliciting support for a May trip to Nashville to help build for Habitat for Humanity.

Steve Holland, junior senator, asked

Day shows high schoolers what to expect in college

By CASSIE HOMBS
Staff Writer

Right on the heels of Missouri Southern's annual Career Development Day, the College's top recruiting officials are cooking up another plan to show students what the school has to offer.

Discovery Day, a day set aside for high school students and their parents to visit Southern's campus and see what college life entails, will be held tomorrow. According to Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services, the day is designed to help students decide on a college after they graduate. This year,

Southern is expecting to host around 100 people.

"We want students to experience true Missouri Southern hospitality," he said. "The best way to find the 'right college for you' is to visit the campus, meet faculty and students, and learn about the opportunities offered."

Which is exactly what Southern has planned. The day will begin with registration at 2 p.m., followed with a welcome from Larry Martin, dean of arts and sciences. Break-out sessions, opportunities for students to choose which aspect of college life they want to learn about,

Quitters don't make good teammates

Judging by what I've seen from the first half of the semester, I'd say that employers looking for "hard-working" individuals might want to stay away from certain departments in Missouri Southern.

In recent weeks, I've had the undesirable opportunity to work with individuals who have committed themselves to a project

(let's say it's a college newspaper) and then abandoned it. This, in turn, puts the remainder



EDITOR'S COLUMN
ERIC GRUBER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

part of our team, then shouldn't you at least give two-week's notice? With this notice, at least we can either prepare for the departure, or possibly find some way to help you out.

Now, I'm always up for a little challenge, but I have the continual thorn-in-the-side of school studies, working to pay bills and eat, and still try to maintain this newspaper is getting to be quite a burden. It's quite a revelation realizing how selfish and

lazy people really can be.

Everyone else with the project has the same type of responsibilities as the people who quit, and some, conceivably, have more. We have jobs, go to school, and some (like myself) will be graduating very soon.

Now maybe there can be some questioning of Southern's role in this.

Maybe someone should focus a little more attention on studying basic work ethics. Maybe ethics classes should be required. I suppose it might be more useful for students to get at least a grasp of what will be expected from them in the work force than knowing where the dogs are buried on campus.

In reality, there is no real blame to be placed except on those who are, in essence, quitters. I'm sorry your life is so tough you can't help but abandon others. I'm sorry your lack of dedication once you commit to something is making it difficult on others. I'm sorry you even agreed to help at all, because in the end it did more hurt than good.

It's quite a shame, really. And with this week having Career Day and all.

I just hope that any prospective employers didn't have a run-in with anyone or any type of person I've been harping about.

If they did, I sure hope they're not holding their breath.



Budget encourages new growth

On July 1, 2000, Missouri Southern will begin constructing a shrine to house several of the College's fastest-growing programs.

It looks as if things are leaning toward the General Assembly allocating \$12 million to Southern for the construction of a health science building sometime next spring.

The four-story temple of knowledge will probably rise behind Heames Hall.

In an effort to keep up with the ever-demanding needs of the medical field, the building will house nursing, radiology, respiratory therapy, dental hygiene, and psychology.

The continued growth of St. John's Regional Medical Center, Freeman Health Systems, and other area health care providers produces the demand for more people skilled in the area of health sciences.

The College has, in turn, reflected the needs of the community in the field of health sciences. What with the number of students pursuing medical-related degrees, such as nursing and some premed degrees, a building such as this would be just the thing to help get the Joplin area moving into the future. Not to mention that the school will continue to grow and expand, which will hopefully attract more people and create a more diverse campus.

Southern's current facilities have been stretched to accommodate the demand, and the strain is beginning to show. In addition, both of

the major hospitals in Joplin continue to grow at phenomenal rates, building and adding new programs seemingly every month.

Plans for this major hurdle began when Southern entered into a partnership with Franklin Technology Center to provide training to even more people.

Despite the College's excellent record for responding to community demands, continued growth would be restricted without the construction of additional classroom and laboratory space.

The health science building will also indirectly alleviate crowding problems.

At the same time it will help open more opportunities to both students and new faculty by creating more class opportunities for both majors and new teaching positions.

Virtually all schools and departments stand to benefit from the construction of a health science building.

As wonderful as this sounds, the College community must remember that this week the allocation to fund the capital improvement was only placed on the Coordinating Board for Higher Education's priority list. This is just the first hurdle in the long budget contest. Many more trials will be faced before the vision of grandeur becomes a reality.

There will be scares, but barring a catastrophe, Southern should get the cash. □

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Project gives newfound insight into parents' lives

My parents were married on Decoration Day, 1950. When my parents came upon their 25th wedding anniversary, I was five years old and contributed

maybe a construction paper card to their day. My sister, Michele, then 21, organized a proper celebration. Now, as we begin to approach our parent's 50th wedding anniversary, I felt the onus has fallen to me to acknowledge their special day.

In August, Michele and I crafted a letter to be sent to all our parents' friends and family. As I covertly copied down more than 100 names and addresses, I began to realize that I thought I knew who my parents are, but perhaps that was not true. Name after name was a stranger to me. In total, probably 90 percent of the names baffled me. I began to have doubts that these people would respond to a letter from an unknown address in Missouri.

How wrong I was. In our letter, we asked the recipients to contribute something to a "Memory Book"

— perhaps a card, letters, pictures, funny stories — whatever told of their relationships with our parents. Slowly, a box under my desk has begun to fill with

the story of my parents' lives. In this simple box is a collection of the memories that illuminate two unique people. I don't often think of my parents as young adults dating, or as two people who spent a summer on Lake Chappaqua in Ohio sun tanning and drinking gin and tonics. Or, of them in their 30s with friends getting together to cook dinner on Friday night. I have been startled more than once as I see the parallels in my life and theirs.

As a teenager, I often thought the 40-year gap between us left no common ground. How wrong I was. I wish now for one brief moment I could drop the roles and baggage that come with "Mom" and "Dad" and call them Monica and Zenn. I want to know who they are, as I know the doubts, fears, joys,

and lives of my friends. I can truly begin to honor my parents, not as my protector and nurturer, but as two adults with dreams, stories, friends and lives of their own.

As I asked to describe themselves, I realize now the answer continues beyond "parent" to "bookkeeper," "engineer," "track star," "Catholic," "gardener," "son," "sister," "fly fisherman," etc.

Walking the other day with a friend, I told her how wonderful this project is turning out for me. She had a similar moment in her life. Unfortunately, her "discovery" of her father came after he died. His friends and family began to share with her the story of his life. I realized in that moment how privileged and blessed I am for the insights I am gaining.

I was raised to "honor your mother and father." As a kid of 4, 10, 16, or even 20, that meant listening to, as in "obeying," their directions and respecting their ideas. At 30, to honor my parents now means to listen in a deeper way. Now I listen not to the directives of "wear your coat," but I listen with respect and an open heart to the stories and truths of who they are as people. □



IN PERSPECTIVE
MELISSA LOCHER
COORDINATOR OF
DISABILITIES

Instructor's death leaves student only memories

"Hey, Jerry, get over here and shoot, is your turn?" "O.K. let me finish reading this page!" "Put down that stupid book, we are trying to play this pool game."

A typical conversation between a young man and his friends, not so long ago. Skipping school, play pool with some buddies, this boy, sitting with a book rather than a pool cue, grew up to be a teacher — an English teacher, that Dr. Jerry Erwin.

He used to talk about his childhood in class. He would say, "I was not the good little boy that one might perceive!" Telling stories of his "wild days," he would get a few snickers and rolling eyes.

He was an intelligent young man. He would intentionally make Cs and Bs on his papers to keep from getting harassed from his peers when he could easily have made an A.

Dr. Erwin was what a teacher should be in my eyes. I have never in my life had a teacher so concerned if I made a good grade or not.

On the fourth of October, a Monday, I went to Dr. Erwin's office. I had an appointment to speak with him about a writing assignment. A secretary approached me with a disturbing look. She asked if I was looking for Dr. Erwin. I told her I was.

Imagine saying good-bye when there is no one to say good-bye to. It is weird to think the very next thing you hear from someone could be really bad news. Things that were once unimportant are now important.

Dr. Erwin had died of a heart attack the Friday before. I was overwhelmed with emotions. I was sad, of course, angry this had happened to him, shocked,

and even felt an awkwardness about the situation — he was only my professor. Was he? Did he have a life outside of the classroom?

Of course I did. A family? The secretary showed me the obituary article. It was short and no mention of family.

I will never forget my college English professor — he was the kind of person that lectured about boring English topics, but I had a way of doing it that one would never get bored or miss the point. I was trying to get across.

He was a very unique person. He would lecture sitting on his desk with his legs crossed, swinging them back and forth. His personality showed without him having to say a word.

Jerry's funeral was Tuesday — I made the decision not to go. One might wonder why I would not have went. I want to remember Jerry telling about his crazy school days and his carefree lectures. I think that is how he would have wanted to be remembered. □



IN PERSPECTIVE
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SARAH LANKFORD/The Chart
Dr. Brian Vescio enjoys a round of tennis. Vescio is a new assistant professor of English at Missouri Southern. Not in work, he enjoys playing competitive tennis.

Vescio makes a racquet

By Vicki Fertig
Chart Reporter

With a father who was an Italian immigrant, Dr. Bryan Vescio didn't have to look far for inspiration.

"My father came to America in 1953 when he was 15 years old," said Vescio, assistant professor of English at Missouri Southern.

Knowing nothing of the language, his father graduated high school, got a college degree, and became a high school mathematics teacher.

"That is something I admire a great deal," Vescio said. "It's given me a lot of my drive to get through school and become a teacher."

Vescio had originally planned to attend film school at the University of Southern California. He found the profession was difficult to get into and much more technical than he had anticipated.

"Where I went to film school, it wasn't considered so much of an art as it was a mechanical process, a feat of engineering," he said.

During that time he became interested in the literature and English classes he was also taking.

"I had always loved writing," he said. "I would have probably been a screen writer if I had stayed in film making."

Vescio has had three articles published in academic journals. The last article is due out in early 2000.

"This is a very exciting time in my life," he said. "Within the last eight months, I finished graduate school, I got married, I've gotten a job, and moved to Missouri."

Vescio was married on May 30 to Kathy

Zeit, who retained her maiden name. She worked at the University of Chicago Hospitals as a pediatric social worker and is currently seeking a position locally.

Vescio said he was amused when family members sent in his application to be a contestant on "Jeopardy" without his knowledge.

"I answered all the questions correctly, but was deemed not energetic enough," Vescio said.

Privacy is important to him and he was only disappointed that he wouldn't have an opportunity to win any prize money.

When he's not at work, Vescio enjoys playing competitive tennis, cooking for his bride, reading, writing, and listening to a great amount of jazz. His favorite jazz musician is Thelonious Monk.

A poster over his desk of William Faulkner attests to the fact that Vescio is an "enthusiast."

"He continues to play a major role in my work," Vescio said. "I plan on teaching Faulkner as soon as I get the appropriate courses."

"I think the main advice to give college students is to really enjoy your time in college because even though I'm so close to my graduate days, it went by so fast," he said. "College is the time when you should fall in love with everything you learn," Vescio said. "At least that's the way it happened with me."

Vescio has lived and worked not only in the Midwest, but on both coasts. He has another poster in his office of Madison, Wis., which is his favorite place to live.

"I put that picture up because it reminds me of what it was like to be an undergrad," Vescio said. "I love this picture." □

Advice from Doll: HAVE FUN!!

By Ryan Varsolona
Chart Reporter

When in a pinch for tickets, don't forget to check out the Billingsly Student Center.

Dorothy May Doll, the new ticket office manager at Missouri Southern, has been with the College since April.

"I enjoy Southern very much, the students are very polite, and this is such a beautiful campus," Doll said.

Before becoming a ticket office manager, her most recent work was at the Joplin Police Department.

She served as a dispatcher and helped file records.

"The reason I took the job here at the College was the hours; they were what I was looking for," Doll said.

Doll and her husband, Doug, are originally from South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

The Dolls made a move to Kansas so her husband could become a farmer.

"After he found that there was no money in farming, he went into financing, and is now the president of Arvest Bank," Doll said.

Her major accomplishment in life to this point has been her four children, who range in age from 16 to 28.

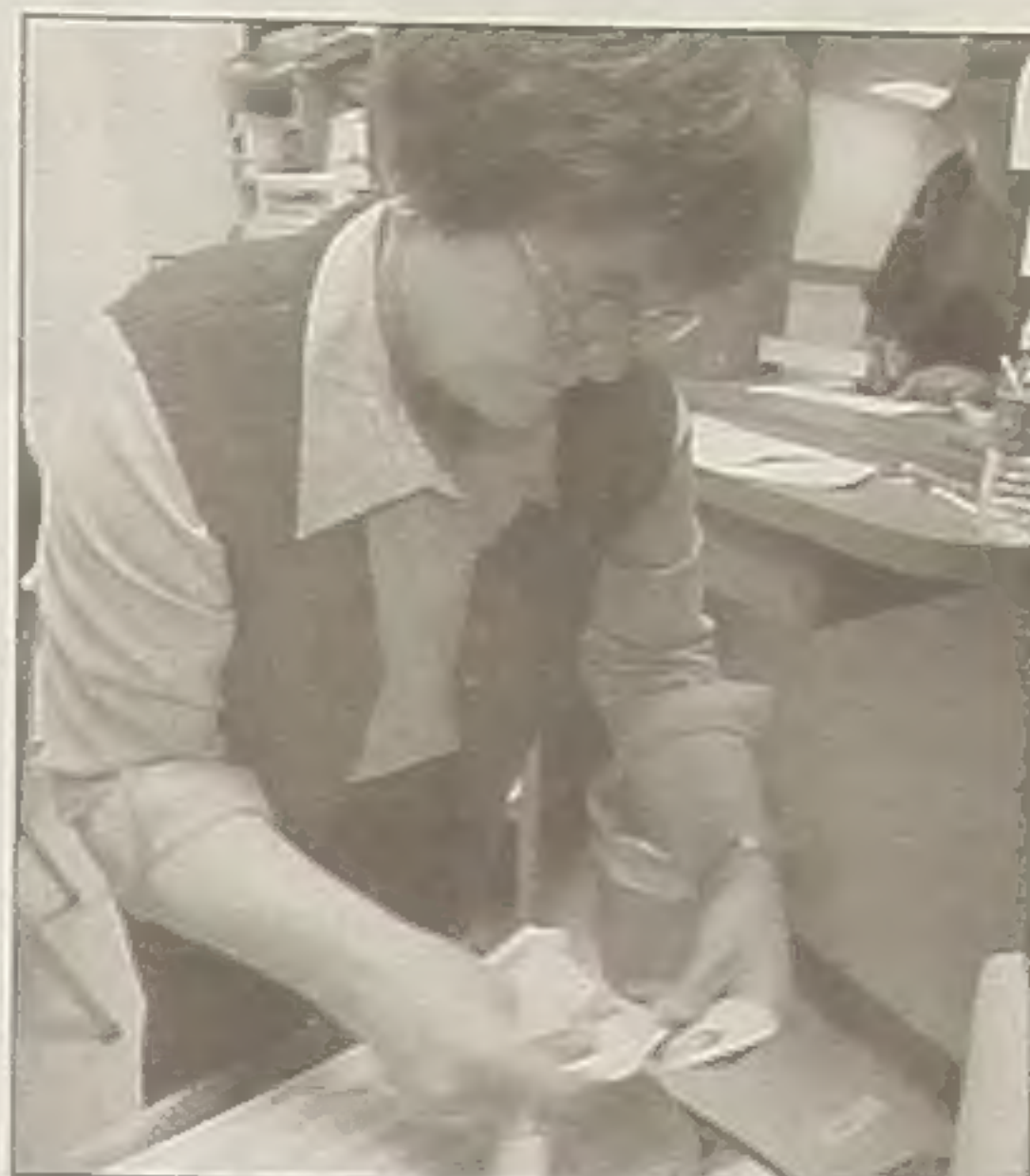
She has three sons and daughter.

"Girls are much more trouble to raise than boys are," she said.

Doll's role model in her life is her mother.

"My mother raised her kids very well," she said. "She was strict but fair, and I respected that."

Some of the hobbies Doll enjoys are reading books, gardening the plants she owns, or taking care of and having fun with her



NOPPODAL PAOTHONG/The Chart
Dorothy Doll counts out tickets for an event. She is the new ticket office manager at Southern's box office.

animals. When it comes down to listening to some music, it's rock.

"My favorite band would probably be R.E.M.," Doll said.

She advises students not to wait around until the last minute to purchase a ticket for the Pittsburg State and the Missouri Southern game.

"Weeks of football games are like hell around here," she said.

"Everyone waits until a few days before the game to buy their tickets," she said.

Doll's advice to students is to "have fun, keep laughing, and don't take things so seriously, loosen up." □

Hukill values friends, baseball, music



SARAH LANKFORD/The Chart
Dr. Cynthia Hukill, an assistant music professor, plays her piano. Hukill is a new faculty member at Southern.

By Shaunda Walker
Chart Reporter

Innings and Scores. Scores of music that is. What do the two have in common?

"Absolutely nothing!" said Dr. Cynthia Hukill, baseball fan and assistant professor of music at the College.

"It's [baseball] so wonderfully different from music," Hukill said.

A 1980s and early 1990s Kansas City Royals' fan, Hukill said she really didn't gain an interest in baseball

until her move to Kansas City.

"It was the 'IN' thing at the time. It was everywhere," Hukill said. "Plus you also get to scream and yell like a maniac!" she laughs.

Baseball isn't the only passion in her life. Hukill also loves to antique shop.

"I'm an antique nut," she said.

Hukill said she doesn't buy everything she sees, she merely loves browsing.

"You won't believe the things you'll see in those stores," she said.

Aside from antiques and baseball, Hukill said she loves art museums, especially the Nielsen Art Museum in Kansas City.

This former coordinator of the music department at Avila College in Kansas City

is looking forward to putting down some roots here in Joplin.

"I wanted to move south," she said. "It's closer to my family," Hukill's family

resides in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

"I was also looking forward to getting back into a state college," Hukill said.

"The music department here is larger and the College has such a strong liberal arts emphasis."

A proud recipient of her doctorate degree, Hukill said she has studied music and piano all of her life, especially that of Western Europe.

"I don't know why music," she said. "You don't choose music, it chooses you."

Aside from her plans to get active and play at recitals, Hukill hopes to one day trav-

el to Western Europe.

Hukill is also looking forward to the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition (MSIPC) held every two years for "extremely talented individuals."

I don't know why music. You don't choose music, it chooses you.

Dr. Cynthia Hukill
Assistant Music Professor

Talented individuals are not sparse in Hukill's life.

"I have a great group of friends that has developed over the years," she said.

"They're all so talented and in similar professions."

Hukill said she is looking forward to seeing how she can build the piano program at Missouri Southern through her contacts.

"My friends are probably my greatest accomplishment socially," she said.

Aside from her contacts, Hukill said she is looking forward to taking everything she's done in her life and applying it in her new position at the College.

"I've had a lot of success in my life," she said. "It's been a good ride that's not over yet." □

Auto racing, hunting dominate Lewis' after work activities

By Chris James
Chart Reporter

Why teach one class, when you can teach the world?

That's what Dr. John Lewis, assistant professor of marketing, has been doing for the last 30 years.

Not only has Lewis taught at schools such as The University of Texas at Austin and Oklahoma City University, but he has also traveled, studied, and taught at universities in Europe and Asia.

Originally from Carthage, Lewis took a leave of absence from the Chrysler Corporation in 1975 to receive his M.B.A. at the University of Denver. He later received his Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin, and was a commander with the U.S. Navy.

While in the Navy, Lewis did everything from drive ships to fly jets. His favorite was the Navy Training Jet T-4.

"It's a real adrenaline rush," Lewis said.

Lewis has been working with the international business and marketing program at Southern since July 1.

"I chose Southern because of the international programs and also because Southern was becoming more internationally known," he said.

While on campus, one of Lewis' goals is to increase student participation in international programs, as well as to help local businesses increase profits from international trade.

It's not the race itself that interests me, it's the engineering of the cars.

Dr. John Lewis

Assistant Professor of Marketing

When he's not teaching the world, Lewis enjoys Formula 1 racing.

"It's not the race itself that interests me, it's the engineering of the cars," he said. "I like to hang out in the garage area."

Lewis' other interests include sports cars, sport shooting, and going to Indianapolis every year to watch the Indianapolis 500.

Although he doesn't have a favorite book, Lewis

enjoys reading. One of the authors he enjoys is Hemingway.

On an average day with Lewis, one would soon notice that he wants to help students as much as possible, including working on special programs to help students study and sending students to foreign countries to learn more about international studies. Also, he listens to any kind of music from folk to jazz and even oldies and classic rock.

"It really depends on the mood," he said.

As a child, Lewis looked up to his parents and grandparents as role models. He also admires Thomas Jefferson.

"Before Jefferson died he said that he wanted three things on his tombstone: he was the author of The Declaration of Independence, he built the Virginia Statue for Religious Freedom, and, well, I can't remember the last one, but he never mentioned being president. I really admire that," he said.

Lewis has three pieces of advice for freshmen.

"First, find something about every course that interests you," he said. "Then, search out subjects that interest you for life and incorporate them in your career training. And then look at your major, and locate and international aspects of it." □



SARAH LANKFORD/The Chart
Dr. John Lewis, assistant professor of marketing, enjoys auto racing when he's not at the College.

Diversions



Monica Dixon, costumer for the theatre department, poses with her stained glass window. Dixon said she made the piece of art to let the department and students know how she feels about education. The window can be seen on a wall in the Green Room.

Gift shows appreciation of Education

By CANDACE MOORE
Staff Writer

The meaning of love was redefined for the Missouri Southern theatre department this year, thanks to one staff member.

Dr. Jay Fields, theatre department head, asked Monica Dixon, costumer for the theatre department, to donate a piece of art for the Green Room in the new James L. Walton Theatre.

"I wanted to let them know how I feel about education, the department, and the students, and the only way I could do it was to create a lasting piece of art for them," Dixon said.

She decided to create a piece of stained glass filled with meaning and symbolism.

The famous theatre masks make up the centerpiece and were designed by Matt Morris, theatre major.

"Usually masks are black and white, but the white parts are oxidized so you see every color

in the rainbow, and when light hits it, it picks up all the colors in the Green Room," Dixon said.

One point Dixon wanted to make was the relationship between the old Barn Theatre that burned down, and the new theatre.

She was able to do this by using two different techniques in the border: the foiling technique represents the new theatre and the lead technique represents the old theatre.

The two techniques have even more meaning to Dixon.

"The foiling technique is stronger than the lead, and using the two together shows the unity between the students and faculty to work together as a team," she said.

The top of the piece displays the letters MSSC, and the bottom displays the word Theatre.

There is empty space between the letters at the top so letters can be removed and changed, symbolizing the endless possibilities of Southern students.

"Technically, in a stained glass there should

never be hollow places, but I broke the rules," Dixon said.

"Here we try to teach that there's more than one way to do something."

Dixon dedicated most of her summer to the project.

"I felt like I was doing something for the students," she said. "I put my heart and soul in it, and I hope that the students can sense it."

Sarah Shepherd, junior theatre, speech, and education major, sensed it.

"We were in awe," she said. "It is wonderful that somebody thinks that much of us to take their summer to do something like that for us."

The art will be on a wall in the Green Room, and anyone who passes by will be able to see it.

Rhea Brown, senior theatre major, is one student who is looking forward to passing by it for years to come.

"It's special for us because as a department, we're extremely close," she said.

"A lot of us are graduating and when we come back, it will be neat to know that was for us." *

Latest flick gives lessons

When I was first presented with doing a movie review for *American Beauty* (Dreamworks), I was a little anxious. I am an avid movie watcher and tend to follow the crowd, just like everyone else does, when it comes to viewing a movie. I have this preconceived notion that a movie isn't worth seeing unless it is highly publicized.

The viewing of this movie, though, shot down this preconceived notion and actually opened my eyes in the way of perceiving things.

People, in general, often associate money and luxuries with happiness. This movie brings out the fact that people are not always what they seem and that the perfect life is not always perfect.

American Beauty opened up in theaters Oct. 1. It was written by Alan Ball, who was a TV scribe for shows such as "Cybil" and "Grace Under Fire," and was directed by a first-time cinema director, Sam Mendes.

Its cast consists of Annette Bening (Carolyn Burnham, a suburban real-estate mom pushed to the limits), Wes Bentley (Ricky Fitts, the thoughtful drug dealer next door), Thora Birch (Jane Burnham, a slightly disturbed teenager), Angela Hays (Mena Suvari, Jane's friend who is a pitiable teenager infatuated with being less than ordinary), and Kevin Spacey (Lester Burnham, currently sick of his lifestyle and destined for something a little more exciting).

It all begins in a small suburbia where everything is laced with white-picket fences. Carolyn is persistent on landing yet another real-estate sale, while Lester is avidly working as an advertising writer. Each evening they eat a family dinner and during the day they drive tasteful cars.

It all seems too perfect.

The change begins one evening when Lester attends a basketball game to watch his daughter's halftime cheerleading performance.

During the performance, Lester is in a state of awe when watching his daughter's beautiful friend,

Angela. This movie is a story that is destined to be a classic.

In his first directorial effort, Mendes creates a story that causes you to think about the world around you.

I believe I can say this movie with the knowledge that I know exactly the sense until the end.

This movie taught me what I know exactly the sense until the end.

This movie taught me what I know exactly the sense until the end.

A society that has exterior of things they see.

Some people may not actively perceive the truth like it, merely to be.

But there was no others watching you feeling more cause you to open that is not normal.



Melody Laning
Staff Writer



Forensics squad has great first showing

By CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor

Missouri Southern's debate squad had a nice showing in their first competition at the Nebraska Double Up Tournament at Creighton University two weekends ago.

Two of the parliamentary debate teams, Joe Day with Shellie Meador and Cristy Bennett with Steve Doubledee, advanced to Octo-finals in the open division.

The parliamentary category is one with a very limited amount of preparation.

In fact, the teams do not know what they will be debating until they arrive, and then they have 15 minutes to prepare before they argue their position.

The Octo-finals eliminates the original number of teams down to 32. This division had 128 teams and the top 16 advanced to the elimination rounds.

"It works a lot like a basketball tournament," said Steve Doubledee, senior speech communications major.

"It was good that we did so well in our first tournament," he said. "Now we have made a name for ourselves and have set ourselves up for a good ranking."

Doubledee said that last year Southern's team was ranked third in the nation in parliamentary

debate.

"That ranking is not just for a certain division," Doubledee said. "In these tournaments, all of the colleges are mixed together. We go up against schools like Berkeley and Notre Dame."

"That says quite a bit about our team," said Kelly Larson, forensics director.

Larson is quite impressed with the team he is coaching in his first year at Missouri Southern.

"This team has really surprised me," he said.

Southern.

The team also participated in a Lincoln Douglas debate for the first time.

This type of debate is one in which the teams are given a preset resolution, or argument, and must do extensive research in order to be prepared adequately.

The resolution this year revolves around whether or not to support genetically modified organisms, such as bioweapons or tobacco products.

However, the teams do not know

little bit more lenient in research priorities."

Larson also said that most college students involved in forensics go on to either graduate school or law school.

Day and Doubledee also qualified for the elimination rounds in this category as well.

Both contestants made it to the semi-final round.

The next tournament scheduled for the forensics squad is next weekend, Oct. 15 and 16, in Lee's Summit, Mo.

In addition to their tournaments, the Southern team is happy to welcome some British debaters on Nov. 12 and 13.

They will be traveling the country on a 38-city tour, one of which is at Southern.

That Friday there will be a public polling debate at 7 p.m.

The other major tournament this semester is on December 3 through the 5.

"That one is a huge, big-time tournament," Larson said. "Last year we had two invites to world competition, but there wasn't enough money to send them."

Larson went on to comment that he felt confident that some of the team this year would be invited to world competition as well.

More information about future forensic events will be circulated before the debate. *

It was good that we did so well in our first tournament. Now we have made a name for ourselves...

STEVE DOUBLEDDEE
Senior Speech Communications Major

"Joe and Shellie have a chance to win Nationals this year. I'm sure they will be ranked in the top 10."

"Also, Cristy Bennett, who is a freshman this year, is like a diamond in the rough. It is very rare for a freshman to place so well in their first college tournament."

Larson was formerly an assistant coach of forensics at North Dakota State University before coming to

which position they are taking until the time of the debate.

Therefore it is imperative for them to research every facet of the argument.

"It is like a full-time job," Doubledee said.

"Bigger schools have graduate assistants who can do the research," Larson said. "Fortunately this style of debate is a

Two-person cast enlightens audience

By CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor

The time for Missouri Southern's second theatre production of the year is fast approaching, and tickets are going fast.

Next week, beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 13 and running through the 16th, Southern's theatre department will be presenting *Colorado Catechism*. It will be the first production ever shown in the new James L. Walton Theatre.

"We're going to do it with thrust staging," explained director David Hale, senior theatre major. "That means that the audience will be seated on three sides of the stage."

The staging will done this way not only for its uniqueness, but also because of the number of seats available.

"People need to make reservations as soon as possible," Hale said.

"With all of the construction we're only going to be able to seat 140 people per show."

Hale said the theatre, upon completion of all the construction, is going to look great.

"The audience will be pretty

much right on top of the stage," he said.

The show consists of a two-person cast with a number of backstage personnel.

The story revolves around a 38-year-old portrait painter, played by Kristopher Stoker, junior theatre major.

"It's basically a memory play," Hale said.

The memories arise when Stoker's character remembers back to his time in a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center located in Cripple Creek, Colorado.

It was in the rehabilitation center that he met a woman who inspires him.

The woman, Donna, is played by Parade Wilkinson.

"It's about his relationship with the woman," Stoker said. "Throughout the course of the play you see how she helped him to pretty much be reborn."

"All his life drugs and alcohol are his crutch for creating art, and then he meets this woman," Hale said that choosing the couple for the parts was easy.

"They looked good together," he said, "and they read their auditions very well together."

Stoker said that acting in a two-person cast is a little more difficult than with a smaller cast.

"You're on the stage the whole time, so you have to exert every-

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Chris Roberts at 625-9311.



MATT MADURA/770

Wednesday was the annual career day on the Missouri Southern campus. Businesses from the four-state area swarmed Billingsly Student Center in an effort to inform students of various different career opportunities upon graduation from college.

Today 8

Superstar and Random Hearts opens in local theaters

7 p.m.-

Contemporary Foreign Film Series The Dreamlife of Angels. W105

7 p.m.-

Volleyball at Northwest MO State

Saturday 9

Renaissance Festival Spanish Armada Weekend. Discount tickets available in BSC Box Office, room 112.



Early Childhood Conference, \$15 registration fee. See Mrs. T in the Child Development Center.

Cross Country at Wash U Tourney.

11 a.m.-

Volleyball at MO Western

1 p.m.-

Women's soccer vs. Northwest MO

7 p.m.-

Football vs. PSU. After-party at Holiday Inn, sponsored by CAB.

Monday 11

12:00 p.m.-

CAB meeting, BSC 310. Everyone welcome and lunch is provided

7 p.m.-

Women's soccer at Drury

7:30 p.m.-

Philosophy Club meeting, BSC Lounge. Guest speaker Dr. Gerald Schlink. Ethical Issues Surrounding Genetic Technology.

Tuesday 12

Kappa Delta Pi taco lunch.

WISE student teachers trip to Washington, DC.

On-Campus senior interviews, WallMart Internal Audit. Call 9343.

Deadline to sign up for the CAB Renaissance Festival Oktoberfest trip on the 16th, BSC 112, \$5.

7 a.m.- 9 p.m.-

Homecoming elections outside bookstore

9:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.-

Christopher Columbus & Latin America, Webster auditorium.

7:30 p.m.-

International film fest, Wild Strawberries, Matthews auditorium, \$1.50.

Wednesday 13

Theater Department presents Colorado Catechism through the 16th. For reservations call 3190.

7 a.m.-9 p.m.-

Homecoming elections outside bookstore

12 p.m.- 1 p.m.-

French Club meeting, W357

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Deadline for marching units to enter Homecoming Parade, Mayes SLC

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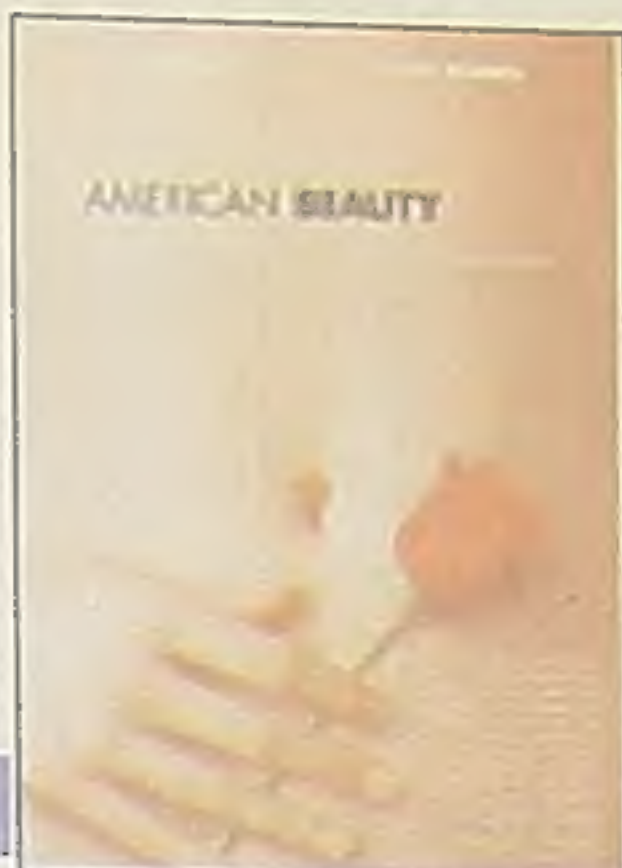
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Volleyball vs. Southwest Baptist

Thursday 14

On Campus senior interviews: Tax and Accounting Software Corporation. For info call 9343.

Colorado Catechism, Orientation Final.



Among the chart-toppers at movie theaters this past weekend was American Beauty. Read Melody Laning's shining review of this latest flick below.

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Future events focus of CAB meeting

By CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor

The Campus Activities Board has many activities in the works, as was evidenced at last Monday's meeting.

The items of most importance once again involved planning for the ever-nearing Homecoming week. Submittals for floats and displays were due in this week and construction of the CAB float is scheduled to begin sometime late next week.

Other planning for the week revolved around the picnic, which will be held from 10:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. in front of the campus. It is free to everyone with an ID. Included within the picnic will be the announcement of royalty winners at noon, in addition to karaoke and various other

modes of entertainment. For additional information about Homecoming week, persons may check either the campus calendar or call extension 9320.

Before Homecoming, however, Missouri Southern students have a chance to take advantage of some historical entertainment. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, in front of the the campus, there will be a band playing music from the Civil War era. The performers will be dressed in clothing from that period and, in addition to playing music, they will answer questions and lecture on certain historical events from the period. If the weather is bad, the event will move into the Student Life Center. Instructors are encouraged to bring their classes.

Another activity scheduled for the near

future concerns the performing arts. At 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 4 in Taylor Auditorium, (ital)The Spirit of the Dance(end ital) will bring their world-renowned show to Southern's campus. CAB will offer discounted tickets of \$20, which can be obtained at the Billingsly Student Center (BSC) ticket office or by calling extension 9366.

There are a number of other activities planned, but definite dates have not been set. Some of them include comedians, additional movie nights, dances, and after-game parties. For additional information on any of these, students may stop by the BSC, Room 102. Students are also encouraged to attend the weekly meetings at noon every Monday. As an incentive to attend, a free lunch is provided. *

Religious art focus of Spiva gallery show

By ERIN SELLERS
Associate Editor

From New York to Joplin, four artists from around the country use their art as a medium to explore spirituality.

"Quest for Understanding: Contemporary Interpretations of Faith" is currently on display at the Spiva Art Center in downtown Joplin.

The artists featured in the exhibit are William Bernheim, Nat Cole, Brother Melvin Meyer, and Nancy Kissel Clark. Two of the artists, Clark and Cole, are from the Joplin area.

"I think the two local artists will draw people," said Darlene Brown, director of the exhibit. "People are always interested in seeing what is going on locally."

Clark is 80 years old and just recently returned to Joplin after a 40-year absence.

Clark's emphasis in the exhibit is pottery. Some of the pieces on display have Missouri Southern connections.

"She grew up in my house," said Dr. Barry Brown, professor of philosophy.

"She now rents part of it and uses it as her studio. Actually, I know at least one of the pieces she worked on there. She showed it to me."

Bernheim is a Polish concentration camp survivor and uses his art to depict the sorrow and tragedy he endured at the hands of the Nazis.

"(While in the camp) I kept thousands of images in my mind," Bernheim said.

Religion is one of those universal issues that transcends generations.

DARLENE BROWN
Spiva Art Exhibit Director

But until as recent as five years ago, those images were never brought forth onto canvas. Bernheim has 18 paintings in the exhibit.

"The interplay between the spiritual and political expressions in the paintings makes a pow-

erful statement," said Tom Simpson, associate professor of political science. "Spirituality is a continual question for people and art is no different."

In addition to being an artist,

Meyer is a Catholic monk from the St. Louis area.

His Catholic background is the inspiration for his art.

"I thought his work was artistically stimulating," Barry said.

The reason behind the exhibit is the dawning of the new millennium.

"We wanted an exhibit that bridged the end of the millennium with the beginning of another," Darlene said.

"Religion is one of those universal issues that transcend generations.

"This exhibits showcases how different artists express their faith through their art."

The exhibit runs through Nov. 7.

The Spiva Art Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The exhibit is free of charge. *

Catechism & Costumes



Parade Wilkinson and Kris Stokar portray Donna and Ty in next week's production of Colorado Catechism. The play explores the relationships or experiences that motivate or inspire creativity.

thing you have," he said.

Hale also has taken the extra mile, literally, in going to the actual site of the story, Cripple Creek.

"Where it is set is really important," he said. "It used to be a

gold-rush town, which represented new hopes and a chance for a new life for many people.

"Now it's just wall-to-wall gambling," he said. "The play makes more sense now that I've been

there though."

Reservations for the show can be obtained by stopping by the ticket office, or by calling 625-3190. Students

tickets are free. Adult tickets are \$3. *

Costumes finally come out of closet

By ERIN SELLERS
Associate Editor

It's time to play dress up! The Missouri Southern theatre department cleaned out its closet and it's all going on sale at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

"We have more things than we can store," said Anne Jaros, associate professor of theatre.

"You clean out your closets once in a while, that's what we're doing."

The department plans to use the money the sale generates to buy new chairs for the sewing room.

"We have to take chairs of our own for our sewing classes," said Monica Dickson, costumer for the theatre department.

"We're playing musical chairs. We're having to take chairs out of a storage closet and from some of the drafting rooms. That's not good."

Among the items going on sale are animal suits, military attire, men's polyester tuxedos, and hundreds of hats.

Along with the "costumes," there are numerous everyday clothing items.

"We decided that now was a good time to have the sale because

Halloween is coming up and it will be a good place to find weird stuff," Jaros said.

"There's going to be a costume contest sponsored by CAB."

All the items in the sale range in price from 50¢ to \$10.

"We have students who are on a shoe-string budget and want something original for Halloween," Dickson said.

The last time the theatre department had a costume sale was 10 years ago and they knew that it was just a matter of time before they held another one.

"There's sort of a Murphy's Law involved in this," Jaros said.

"It's real hard to part with this stuff, we just didn't have any more room."

There are five racks full of costumes.

Although there are numerous items from shows, there are also clothing articles that never made it on stage.

"It's in my wildest dreams to sell all five racks, but anything we don't sell we'll donate to goodwill," Dickson said.

Fortunately there are a number of people that would benefit from that.

"But we would like to have everybody come and clean us out," she said.

The costume sale runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow in the

SENATE: Student Nurses Association receives half of requested amount

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Mark Belanger, Foundation director, why the group was not helping the Joplin Habitat for Humanity organization.

"They have been hard to work with in the past," Belanger said.

Matt Davidson, freshman senator, then asked why the organization wanted to leave the state. Kiefer asked where the organization's treasury balance came from.

Belanger said that some of the balance was left over from a failed attempt to raise money to visit Puerto Rico last year. The remainder was from fund-raising in area churches. Bishop reported a \$0 allocation recommendation from the treasury.

Bishop told *The Chart* that since the trip is not until May, the Wesley Foundation can appeal to the Senate again next semester.

The Senate voted 19 to 10 to follow the recommendation.

After the vote, Belanger said the group still may take the trip; however, they will have to do more independent fund-raising.

"If God wants us to go, He will tell us go," he said. "I don't hold grudges."

Luke Thomas, freshman music education major, said some of the organization's members will be going out-of-state for the first time.

"A lot of the kids on this campus are from within 60 miles of campus," he said.

Tyler Shields, sophomore senator, was troubled that the Senate did not allocate funds to the Wesley Foundation.

Wilson said he voted against allocating because of separation of church and state.

"The last thing I wanted to do was make a religious issue out of the thing," Shields said after the meeting.

He said he would have liked the Senate to have offered some help to the group.

"It's a charitable organization doing some humanitarian work," he said.

Young said the geographic issue was why he voted for the \$0 amount.

"Why go halfway across the United States when there are people in Joplin, Mo. who need our help?"

he said.

Davidson said he voted against appropriating because he felt the Wesley Foundation leaders had not addressed all the issues.

"It seemed like they hadn't thought it through," he said.

Huffman said all these questions were very debatable topics, but the Senate had to use discretion when picking battles to enter.

Leanna Struzziery, junior senator, said the discussion should have taken place before the vote.

In her president's report, Patty Richardson said the Casino Night committee was making progress.

"It is making me very proud," she said.

Before the meeting, Jason Kiefer, parliamentarian, discussed parliamentary procedure and Jason Young, vice-president, announced that he had selected committee chairmen and would announce members next week.

The Senate's balance is \$11,074 after the allocation to the Student Nurses Association. Three senators were absent from the proceedings. □

CBHE: Construction ahead

From Page 1

He said the appropriations are in the same priority order as last year except higher up the priority list.

The CBHE will forward its recommendation to Gov. Mel Carnahan, who will weigh the higher education capital improvement requests against requests from other departments.

"Gov. Carnahan has been very generous in building buildings for higher education," Wagner said.

Wagner said Southern is not so far down the list that it is unlikely.

"He has managed to achieve a good balance," Leon said. "I think that there is reason to be optimistic."

The health science building will house nursing, radiology, respiratory therapy, dental hygiene, and psychology.

"Missouri Southern has gone out in front in supporting these programs," Wagner said.

The Board members examined the budget proposals from all of the public higher education institutions in the state.

Topping the Board's list is \$16.2 million request for the renovation of Northwest Missouri's Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

Second on the priority list was renovation and addition to Lincoln University's Jason Hall.

The \$4.4 million project will add a swimming pool and upgrade the building's heating and air conditioning system.

Next was \$6.2 million for Harris-Stowe State College to build an early childhood and parent education center.

Fourth on the list was a funding for Southeast Missouri's new river campus. Of the top six priorities, the project was the only one trimmed by the CBHE staff.

Southeast Missouri requested \$13.2 million, but the staff lowered the total to \$11.95 million.

Southeast Missouri acquired the campus of the defunct St. Vincent's Seminary in Cape Girardeau.

The university, city, and state are combining to support the transformation of the campus into a visual and performing arts center.

Wagner said the campus was in an economically depressed area of the city.

Rounding out the list after Southern is \$5 million for the University of Missouri-St. Louis for renovation of Benton and Stadler Halls. □

UPWARD: Craig assumes role as project director of new program

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and help them know how to apply for colleges."

She said they will even be taking the students to college campuses outside of Missouri Southern to look around.

"We certainly will let them know we're here, but we will visit other college campuses as well," Craig said.

She explained her new job is both different, yet similar to other jobs she has had at Southern.

ferent, yet similar to other jobs she has had at Southern.

"It's going to be different first of all because I'm going to be working with a different age of students," Craig said.

"This will be high school students, as opposed to college students. There really is a big difference."

She said she does see some similarities, especially with another former position she has held at Southern as the director of College Orientation.

"We were charged with a lot of the same things in Orientation," Craig said. "We were trying to help new students succeed at college. The timeframes are different, obviously, but where Orientation focused more on college

survival, this program is more on preparing for college in terms of academic and social issues."

She said she is happy with her new position.

"Working here has been such a blessing," Craig said. "My entire time that I have been at Missouri Southern has been fantastic." □

DISCOVERY DAY: College recruiting targets high school students and their parents

From Page 3

will be offered in the afternoon. Missouri Southern student ambassadors will give tours of the campus and answer any questions students may have.

Julie Friend, senior early childhood education major, has assisted enrollment services in planning the most productive day possible.

"Most of the students that attend are seniors in high school," she says. "And it's very successful. Every year we enroll Southern students that attended Discovery Day. I think it's a great way to pull people in."

Friend says the day wouldn't be possible if not for numerous faculty members volunteering their Saturday help out.

"We get a lot of support from administration on campus," she says. "This day wouldn't be able to happen without them."

After a day of experiencing college life first-hand, students will be invited to stay for a cookout and will be given free admission to the Missouri Southern-Pittsburg State football game Saturday evening.

This is the department's fourth year of giving stu-

dents a taste-test of college life before any commitment.

For the first of four Discovery Days which will be held throughout the year, Southern is expecting a successful turnout and is hoping the participants will consider Southern when choosing a college next spring.

"We try to give students a taste of what college is like," Skaggs said. "Most haven't decided where to go to school yet, and hopefully they'll decide Southern is the best place for them." □

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Reality Check

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Komen Foundation House, in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, Freeman Health System, and St. John's Medical Center, will focus on providing more information on Oct. 16 and 23 at Northpark Mall.



October sounds the alarm for cancer awareness month

By Rhonda Clark
Associate Editor

In 1978, a young woman garnered strength after receiving inspiration from First Lady Betty Ford's bout with breast cancer. In 1980, Suzy Komen succumbed to her three-year battle with the same affliction in a Houston hospital, but not before inspiring her sister, Nancy Brinker of Dallas, Texas, to make a difference in breast cancer research and education.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and national organizations like the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation strive to increase the public's knowledge about the disease. Members of the Foundation and the American Cancer Society believe early detection equates a cure.

Dr. Barbara Box, professor of nursing and a director on the education committee of the Joplin regional affiliate of the Komen Foundation, wears the pink crystal ribbon, a sign of hope and remembrance of breast cancer victims. Box has her reasons for promoting awareness.

"I want to help women take the time to promote their own health," she said. "At a very young age as a young nurse, I took care of a woman with breast cancer who had a radical mastectomy. I still remember her to this day."

Karen Bostick, cancer control generalist with the local American Cancer Society, works in conjunction with the Komen Foundation, area hospitals, and other groups.

She believes in creating awareness so women will take charge of their own breast health.

"We keep reinforcing this idea that there is a better chance to survive with early detection," Bostick said.

American Cancer Society guidelines recommend persons over the age of 40 need a mammogram and clinical breast exam yearly, and monthly self-breast exams; persons 40 to 39 need monthly self-breast exams and a clinical breast exam every three years.

Individuals with a family history of breast cancer should discuss adjusting these guidelines with their health care provider.

Bostick said Sept. 30 kicked-off area events in Joplin, Neosho, and Pittsburg, Kan., when some 160 participants gathered in the three cities to focus on breast cancer.

"Every Candle Has a Name" celebrates women who survived breast cancer and remembers those who didn't," she said.

For Becky Wiley, school of business faculty secretary, this October has special meaning. In January, she discovered a lump in her breast, and had a biopsy in February.

"When I went in the two days after my surgery to get the results, I went by myself, that's how positive I think I was that it was going to be OK, that it was just going to be an infected lymph node, you know, it wasn't in my family; I'm not supposed to be getting this," she said.

Instead, Wiley received the diagnosis of breast cancer at age 39 and spent her 40th birthday going through

chemotherapy. Surgeons at the Mayo Clinic removed the diseased tissue from her breast. Wiley underwent four sessions of chemotherapy in Joplin, and spent seven weeks in Florida for radiation therapy.

"I think I'm more scared now that I'm done with it than when I was going through it," Wiley said. "It's the waiting."

Students in her office accompanied Wiley on a "wig party" when her hair fell out. She also received support from Jim Gray, dean of the school of business, and the faculty when they took up a collection to pay for Wiley's airline tickets to Florida after the clinic wanted her to come a week early.

She feels strongly about early detection and participated in "Tell a Friend Tuesday." The American Cancer Society program encourages individuals to telephone friends to schedule a yearly mammogram.

"I'm really pushing it this year, and I know that the people I'm close to are listening," she said.

Wiley knows of women with low-risk factors who, like herself, contracted the disease in their thirties. She thinks the age guidelines should be reduced, and accepts no excuses for the women who put off mammograms.

"You know what, I went in there two days after having my surgery, I still had stitches in me, and I didn't feel a thing," Wiley said. "In other words, the pain that that is, is nothing compared to what you're going to go through, and it's worth the pain to get it done."

She advises all women, young and old, to do their monthly exams and become familiar with their breasts.

During the month, the Komen Foundation focuses on two days of awareness on Oct. 16 and 23 at Northpark Mall. The group teams up with the American Cancer Society, Freeman Health System, and St. John's Regional Medical Center to provide information.

Jan Duple, coordinator of health services, said her department will provide information one Friday in October at the Dianna Mayes Student Life Center cafeteria. This year's theme is "The Best Protection is Early Detection," and urges men and women to focus on self-awareness.

Wiley habitually wears a pink ribbon pin acquired before her diagnosis during a wellness event on campus.

"There was a breast cancer table in January and I was waiting to go get my biopsy," she said. "I went by the table and I instantly felt: oh, I feel sorry for those women who have it, thinking I didn't, and she (person working the table) gave me this pin."

Box said a surgeon lectured that if a woman detects a lump eight millimeters or less, her chances for survival improve.

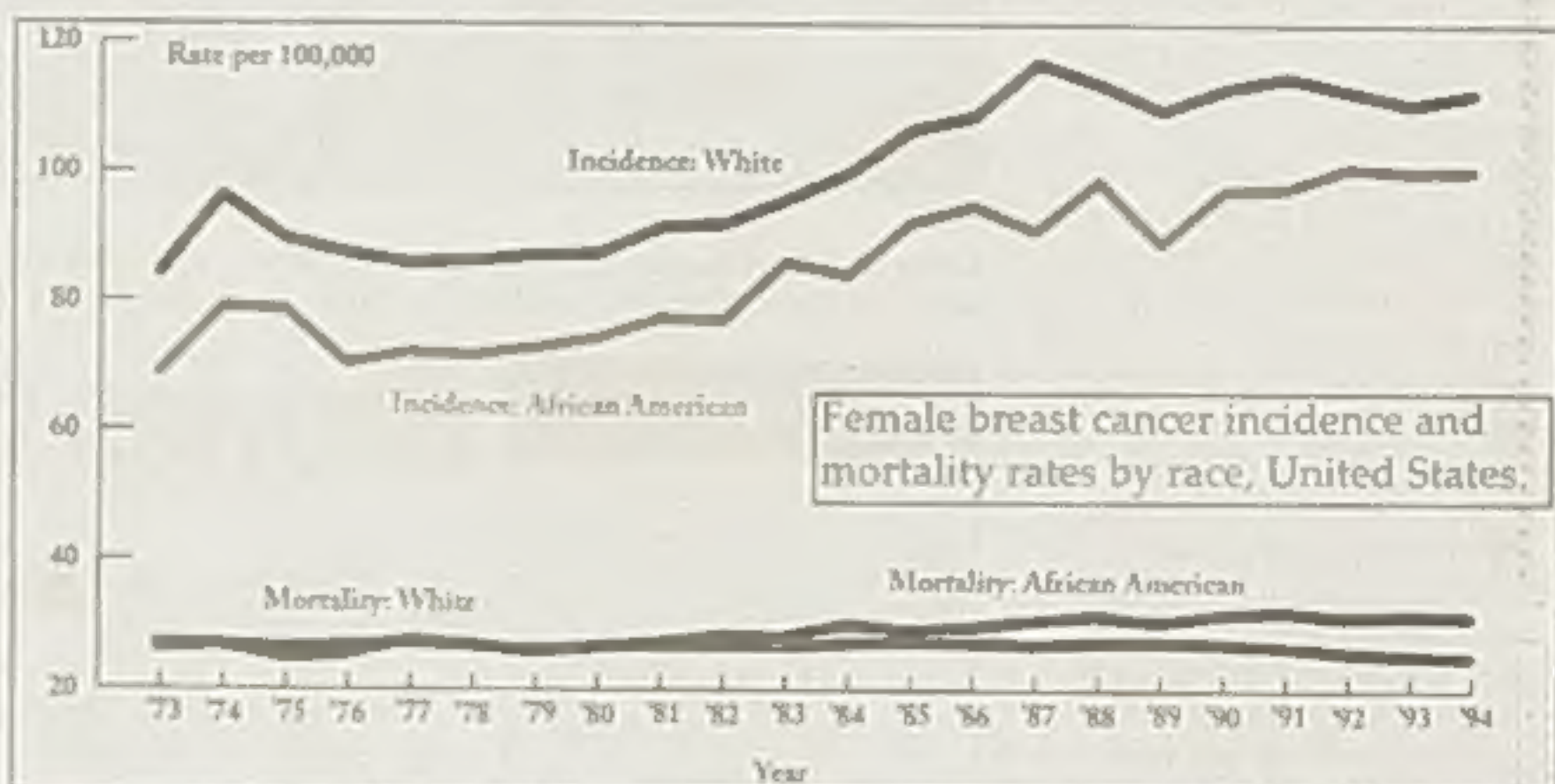
"I just want each woman to take the time to do the self-breast exams," she said.

"If she does this, she'll save her life and be able to share it with those she loves." □



NOPPADOL PAOTTHONG/The Chart

Becky Wiley, school of business faculty secretary, combs her wig after coming home from work. She lost her natural hair due to undergoing chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer.



SOURCE: American Cancer Society



NOPPADOL PAOTTHONG/The Chart

Wendy Chrlsenbery, registered technologist registered mammographer (RTRM), begins the startup procedure of a mammography machine.



NOPPADOL PAOTTHONG/The Chart

Kim Sanders (left), registered technologist registered mammographer (B.S. RTRM), and Sandi Flesher, (RTRM), examine mammogram x-rays of patients at the St. John's Breast Center.

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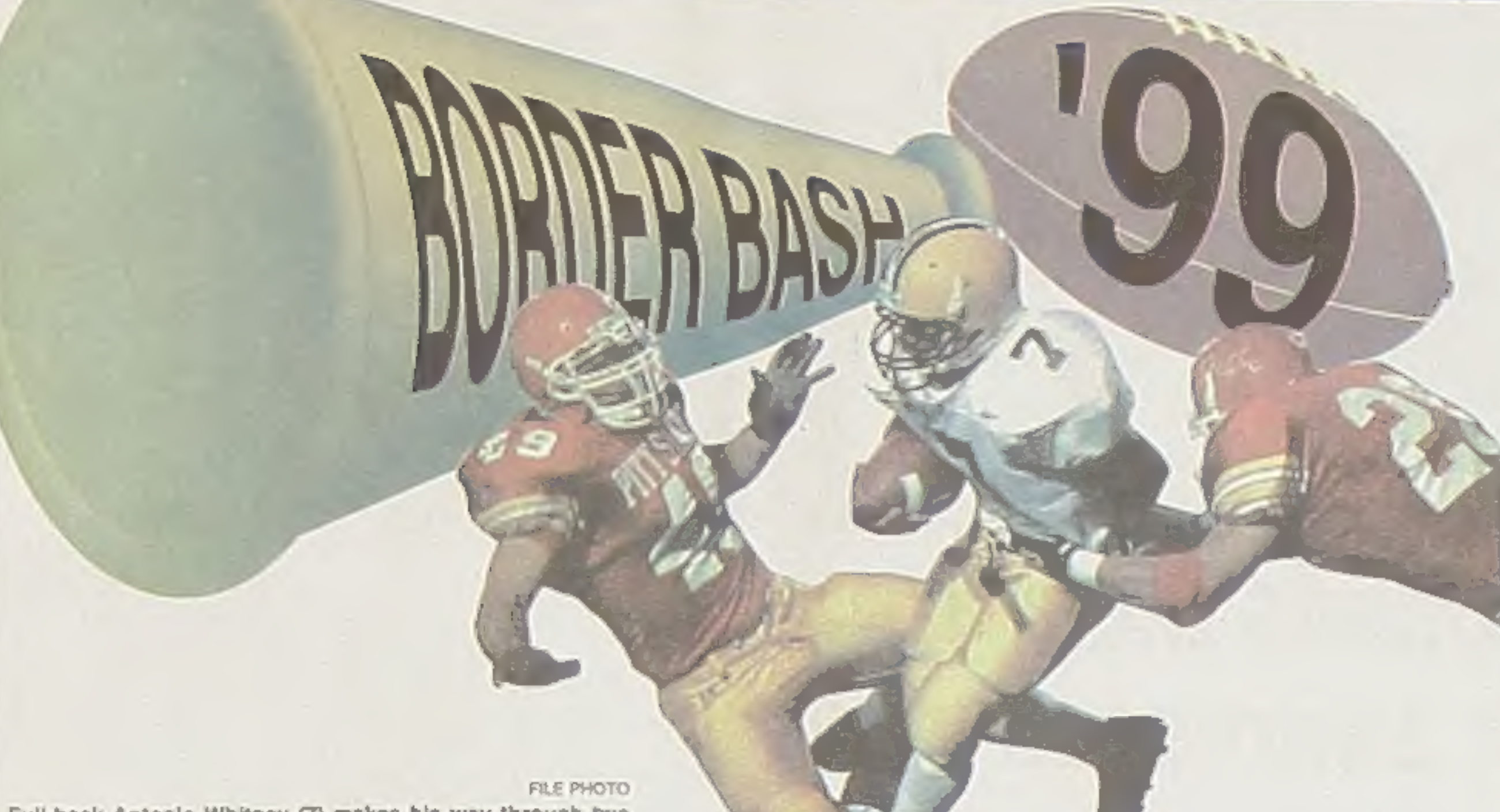
Lions year to upset Gorillas

Tomorrow marks the most anticipated event on campus. It's no secret that anytime the Lions and Gorillas clash helmets in a football game, there's quite a bit of intensity. Ever since the Miner's Bowl began, it's been quite a rivalry. Well, hasn't it? When I think of rivalries, I tend to think of the Kansas City Chiefs and the Denver Broncos, or maybe the Missouri Tigers and the Kansas Jayhawks. Now granted, I think of the Missouri Southern Lions and the Pittsburg State Gorillas, but I tend to think of it more as a dominated rivalry, at least since the Miner's Bowl

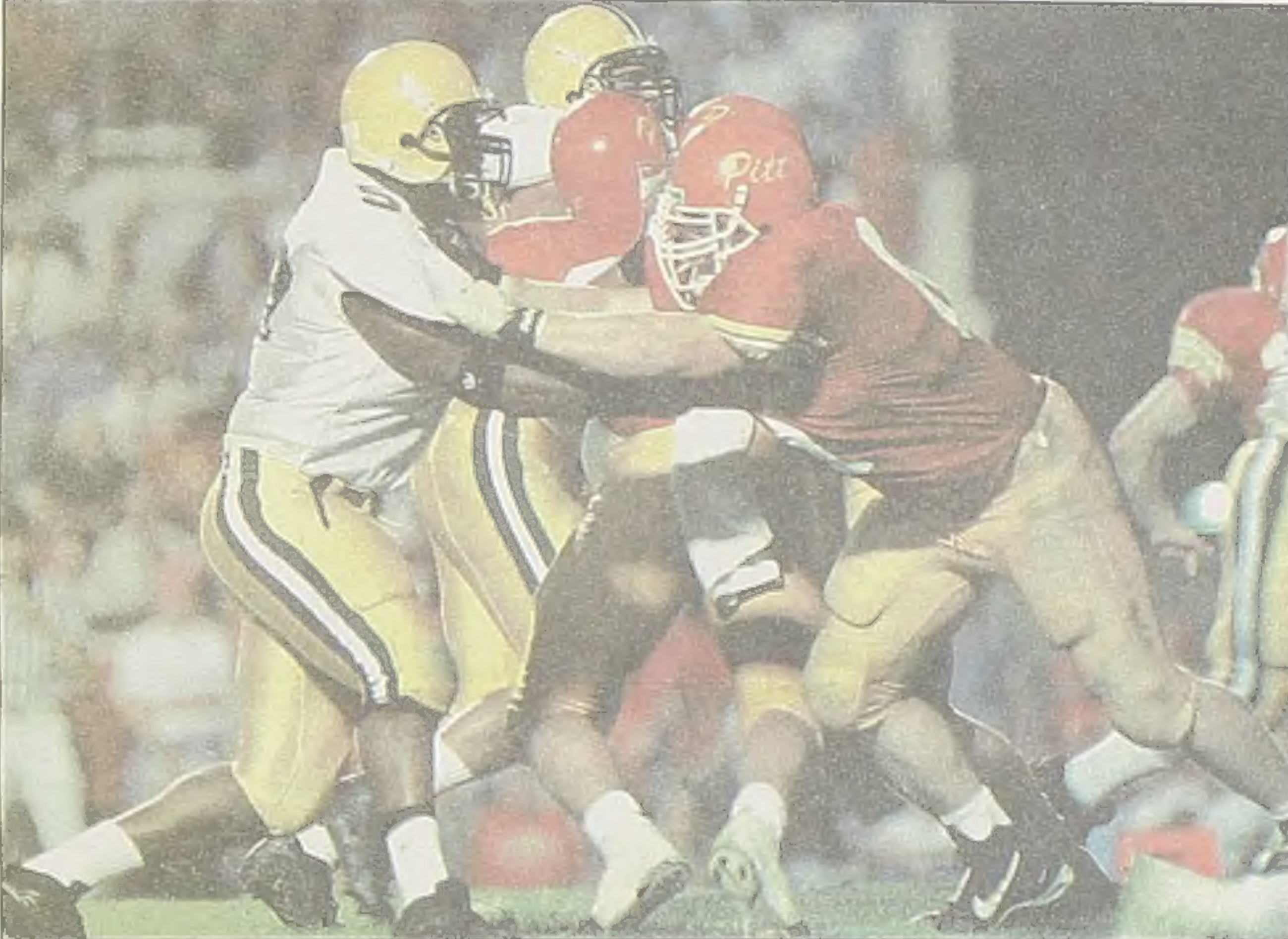


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came into existence. Why do I feel this way? Let's look at this realistically. The Lions have managed to knock off the Gorillas one time since Miner's Bowl action. There's a pretty simple reason behind this. PSU has just had better teams in the past. When the Lions got their solo victory in 1993, I believe they were the better team that year. It was a convincing 20-3 win, and they went on to the playoffs, proving to everyone they were a team that was worthy of respect. Unfortunately, this has not been the case every year. When the first Miner's Bowl was played, the Gorillas walked all over the Lions 48-7. The second Miner's Bowl was not different as the Lions took the loss 34-6. The list goes on and really doesn't get much better. These are all pretty convincing wins for the Gorillas. Can it ever be as good as Miner's Bowl VIII, when the Lions got that first win? Well, if ever there was a year, this is the one. It has been a successful year for the Lions. In only his second year as head football coach, Greg Gregory has already led his team to more wins than last year. Stats of 4-1 certainly sound much better than last year when we were winless going into the Miner's Bowl. The Lions were quite a young team. The great thing now is that they are still a young team, but have matured tremendously. With a team pretty much composed of freshmen and sophomores, the Lions are going to have their hands full tomorrow night when they hit the field. With our mixing of quarterbacks in sophomore Seth McKinzie and freshman Josh Chapman, and the quick feet of sophomore Joey Ballard and sophomore Antonio Whitney, could this be the year? The key is going to be shutting down quarterback wonder Lateef Walker. But with sophomore Jeremy Walker and sophomore L'Quincy Pryor, this is not going to be impossible like it has been in past years. One team is not going to blow the other out of the water in this one. I see this as being a tight game until the end when only one team is left standing. So now it's time for that dreaded question that's asked every year. Who's that team going to be? I'm going with the Lions. I'm not in the least bit worried about our offensive strategy. The defense will be explosive too. This is a team that held a much-improved Arkansas-Monticello to only 14 points, and a very tough Northeastern State to seven. Finally, I must say holding Emporia State to only 12 points was nothing short of remarkable. This is one heck of a football team with all the right weapons to knock off the Pitt State Gorillas. The Lions have a lot of ground to make up in evening up the Miner's Bowl series. It all starts tomorrow night. Get ready for one unforgettable Miner's Bowl.



FILE PHOTO
Full-back Antonio Whitney (7) makes his way through two Pittsburg State defenders in last year's Miner's Bowl (right).



FILE PHOTO
Lions and Gorillas battle for field position (above). Southern lost 20-6 at Pittsburg's Carnie Smith Stadium. This year the rivalry returns to the Missouri Southern campus. Kickoff is 7 p.m. tomorrow at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

Southern victory a safe bet

Joe Namath has never impressed me. I can't stand to listen to arrogant quarterbacks like him or Terry Bradshaw. If I were a coach I would want a signal caller like Joe Montana, Brett Favre, or Steve Young, not a loud-mouth like Namath. Well, I'm not one of Missouri Southern's quarterbacks, I'm just the executive editor, so I'm not being a hypocrite when I guarantee Southern will beat Pittsburg State tomorrow. Why is this the year? Well, take a look at the Gorillas' season. Pitt debuted with a 28-21 win over North Alabama. UNA attacked the Gorillas with a balanced attack. The game was tied at seven heading into the half, but Pitt came alive second half. The Gorilla defense put North Alabama's running game in reverse, and Lateef Walker, Pitt's first-year quarterback, broke free for a 95-yard touchdown run. In the end, UNA had rushed for 285 yards and completed 12 of 22, but what killed North Alabama were three interceptions. The Gorillas had 380 yards on the ground; their passing attack could be classified efficient or non-existent. Walker completed three of four for 109 yards. Pitt State then mauled Texas A&M-Commerce, 51-3. On Sept. 18, the Gorillas had the pleasure of playing host to defending MIAA and NCAA Division II champions Northwest Missouri State. Pitt came out fired up and led 21-7 at the half. But then the Bearcats began to air it out. The final statistics seemed balanced, given the Gorillas' running nature, except the score. Northwest prevailed 27-21. The Gorillas' season continued with their 18th-straight victory over Central Missouri, a 14-7 victory at Warrensburg. The Mules could not develop an organized attack, but their defense kept them in the game. Last week, Pitt took it to Missouri Western, 31-6 at Pittsburg. With these results in mind, I was somewhat surprised when I compared the Lions' season statistics with Pitt's. On paper, at least, this is an even match-up with possibly a slight edge to Southern. While Walker leads all of tomorrow's combatants with 593 yards rushing already this season, Southern is better equipped for a war of attrition. I call the combination of Josh Chapman and Seth McKinzie equal to Walker when they drop back to pass. Pitt's Michael Walker has put up decent numbers receiving; however, I have been impressed with Southern's Ray Davie all season. Southern has put up better special teams numbers and has a dominating defense. But, Southern's real advantage is in the intangibles. It has been six years since Matt Cook, Rod Smith, Jared Kaaiholelo, Richard Jordan, Melvin Monet, and company beat the Gorillas 20-3 at Hughes Stadium. Southern, Lions fans, and Joplin are more than ready for a victory. My only hope is that Pitt brings its cannon so we can have dueling artillery. Yes, I am so confident that the Lions will beat Pitt that I guarantee it. However, I doubt that I will be able to do the same next week when Southern visits Maryville to take on Northwest Missouri.



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Timeline	
Kansas State College-Pittsburg and Missouri Southern College began their rivalry in 1968. Pittsburg leads the series 22-8-1.	
I	PSU 48, MSSC 7 MSSC musters only nine yards on the ground.
II	PSU 34, MSSC 6 MSSC puts no points on the board in second half.
III	PSU 28, MSSC 6 Lions' QB Alan Brown throws for 214 yards.
IV	PSU 31, MSSC 3 Dennis Franchione's last Miner's Bowl win.
V	PSU 49, MSSC 21 MSSC scores first TD in four years against PSU.
VI	PSU 43, MSSC 21 A pre-game brawl begins mutual jungle rumble.
VII	PSU 42, MSSC 13 The Lions' eighth straight loss to Gorillas.
VIII	MSSC 20, PSU 3 MSSC gets only Miner's Bowl victory.
IX	PSU 24, MSSC 15 MSSC gives up 21 unanswered points.
X	PSU 15, MSSC 14 The Gorillas escape Fred G. Hughes by one point.
XI	PSU 21, MSSC 7 PSU extends home win streak to 54.
XII	PSU 42, MSSC 14 Gorillas finish with 505 yards of offense.
XIII	PSU 20, MSSC 6 MSSC holds PSU to under 200 yards offense.

Broyles to face improved Lions

By VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

Tomorrow evening, the Missouri Southern Lions and the Pittsburg State Gorillas go head-to-head for the last Miner's Bowl of the century. Since the Miner's Bowl began, the Lions have managed to win only one game in 1993, where they took a 20-3 victory. Greg Gregory, head football coach, believes the Lions can get their second Miner's Bowl win tomorrow when they take the field. "We are trying to get ready to beat them," he said. "We're just trying to get better. But I think the biggest thing comes down to execution." Gregory said this will be a hard-fought battle. He said both teams play with much emotion, which should make the game even more interesting. Gregory also said that this would be an interesting game because both the Lions and Gorillas are coming into the Miner's Bowl with a 4-1 record. His only concern is that the Lions be prepared from the kickoff to the end of the game. "I just don't want us to lose focus on our offense, and our defense, and our kicking team," he said. "You always want to play with heart, but also want to play with your head." As far as health goes, Gregory said the Lions are as healthy as they have been since the first game. "We've really got battles as to who is going to start (tomorrow), which is nice," he said. "When you have this, it speaks volumes for your team. But we are very healthy now, knock on wood."

"It seems like Southern is a very quick football team on both sides of the ball," said Chuck Broyles, PSU head football coach. "They are much improved overall from last year." Broyles said Southern's defense is more aggressive than years before, and will be a key factor in deciding the game. He added that the team is playing with confidence and emotion, which provides the ingredients for a good football team. Broyles believes it always takes a while for a team to adjust to different styles of play when there is a new coach. He said this was probably the case for the Lions last year. "I would just say that overall, it takes a while if you have a new coach to buy in what they want," he said. Gregory said the Lions and Gorillas are always a good rivalry, but the Lions need to win more games when they play the Gorillas in order to make this an even better rivalry. He believes the rivalry has been consistent because PSU has been a better football team than the Lions. Gregory believes this year is different, and the Lions have an excellent shot at winning the Miner's Bowl. "I'm banking that we've got the better football team," he said. "And we'll find out Saturday night. It will be a very physical football game. Both teams will play good, but one team is going to have to play great." Broyles said both teams will be represented well with fans. He believes this is the kind of game

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Head Coach

every player should experience at the Division II level. PSU's main focus will be preparing its defense for Southern's offensive attack. They will also be putting emphasis on their kicking game. Gregory, who will stick to the same game plan, said this is a pivotal game, but all games remaining are important. "Every game we play from here on is a playoff game," he said. "If we lose two in the conference, there is no guarantee we will get in [the playoffs]." The Lions ask all fans to attend tomorrow night and give their support. "Come out and cheer like mad men," Gregory said. "We need their support and need them to cheer loud, especially when Pitt State's on offense. We want them to cheer so loud they can't even hear their snap count."

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Miners hand Lions first home defeat, 2-0

By GARY SHELBY
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MIAA NEWS BRIEFS

Walker's two touchdowns move Gorillas to 4-1 record

Pittsburg State University saw its Gorilla football team continue its winning ways on Saturday when the Missouri Western Grifflons came to town. The Grifflons got off to an early 3-0 lead as Kevin Toms hit a 27-yard field goal. PSU answered as Lateef Walker ran for a one-yard touchdown and gave his team the edge, 7-3.

The second half saw much of the same thing as Walker ran for his second touchdown on the day. Late in the game, Gary Kral banged a 22-yard field goal as the Gorillas defeated Missouri Western 31-6. Missouri Western moved to 3-2 on the season, and 2-1 in the conference. PSU is now 4-1, and 2-1 in conference play. They will be in action tomorrow as they travel to Joplin to play Missouri Southern in the U.S. Cellular Miner's Bowl. □

Central makes comeback, getting first conference win

After the Washburn Ichabods began their football campaign with a 3-0 start, they have now dropped two in a row, leaving themselves with only one win in the conference. Central Missouri State went to Topeka, Kan., last Thursday to hand the Ichabods the loss. Washburn got out to a quick lead in the first quarter as Barry Galbraith completed a 36-yard pass to Cody Snyder, giving the Ichabods a 6-0 lead after the extra-point kick was blocked. Late in the first half, Todd kicked a 26-yard field goal as the Ichabods were ahead 18-6 going into the half.

However, the Mules came out as a different team in the second half. Lee DuBois managed a 27-yard field goal to cut the Ichabod lead in half, 18-9. John Holmes then completed a 42-yard pass to Nick Goos for a touchdown. He later threw for a 69-yard touchdown to Mike Carter, giving the Mules the lead going into the fourth quarter. Central held on to take the game 32-18, the team's first conference win. □

Jansen's three touchdowns hand Truman 10-point loss

The Bearcats of Northwest Missouri State remained undefeated in the football conference as they defeated the Truman Bulldogs on Saturday. The Bulldogs gave the Bearcats a scare in the early part of the game as Eric Howe threw for an 80-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Collins, giving Truman the 7-0 advantage.

The Bearcats came back to take the lead 14-7 late in the first quarter. Travis Miles completed a 24-yard pass to Tony Miles to tie the game, and David Jansen gave his team the lead with his six-yard touchdown run. Truman got back within four points as Jeff Klee banged a 37-yard field goal to make the score 14-10 at the half.

A high-scoring third quarter saw the Bulldogs tack on 18 more points and 14 for the Bearcats. Jansen ran for his second touchdown on the day, and Klee hit a 40-yard field goal for the Bulldogs.

The fourth quarter was too much for Truman as Tony Miles ran back a 78-yard punt return to give him his second touchdown of the game. Jansen ran for five yards, giving him his third touchdown of the game, as Northwest was too much for Truman in its 42-32 victory. □

Miners remain without win after Hornets visit to Rolla

Emporia State moved to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the conference with its victory on Saturday at the University of Missouri-Rolla. Emporia's quarterback Joe Jacobs passed for four touchdowns in the game. Lester McCoy had two touchdowns for the Hornets in their winning cause.

UMR was able to score only one touchdown after a seven-yard run by Ken Okwono. The Hornets took the game 48-6, and kept the Miners winless on the season. □



Freshman Jena Leach (9) and Sophomore Dana Tucker (20) show their hustle in Wednesday night's game.

season series with a 2-0 victory, the team's first MIAA conference win.

"We weren't going to the ball like we should have," said sophomore Jena Leach. "We let down in the second half. We needed to be more aggressive and go after the ball."

The Lady Lions were still playing without midfielder Jen Lawrence, who sat out of Wednesday's game due to the concussion she received while facing UMR.

"We lacked her speed and ability to attack the goal," Van Deusen said.

Southern (1-11, 1-2 conference) failed to communicate on both sides of the ball, and at times confusion was evident. Van Deusen said SBU capitalized off Southern miscues, but he believed it was match that should've been won.

The men avenged Saturday's home loss with a 2-0 win over SBU Wednesday night.

"It was pleasing to see us back to our old selves," said junior defender Kiley Cirillo.

Southern's record at home is now 3-1 and 7-3 overall.

They completed the season sweep of SBU. On Sept. 21, Southern defeated the Bearcats 4-1 in Bolivar. Despite the score, Van Deusen wasn't satisfied with the win.

Wednesday's score didn't reflect Southern's dominance, but the statistics did.

Senior goalkeeper Ben Butler posted his fourth shutout, and SBU took only three shots. Southern opened the game with plenty of near-misses, and kicked 28 shots altogether.

In the first half, sophomore forward Marcio Compos scored his team-leading seventh goal of the season. Senior midfielder Shawn Delmez scored the final goal with six minutes remaining. Afterward, he made his way to the corner of the field to put on a few dance moves.

Senior SBU goalkeeper Shane Kennard made a number of crucial saves that kept game from evolving into a rout.

"Their goalkeeper played out of his mind," Van Deusen said. "It could've been ugly."

The Lions play Midwestern State University at 1 p.m. Sunday, while the women host Northwest Missouri State University at 1 p.m. Saturday. □

Runners travel to Rolla, preparing for conference

By VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

With only one meet now left in the regular season for men and women's cross country, both teams hope to finish strong.

The Lions and Lady Lions competed at the University of Missouri-Rolla on Saturday, where the men finished in first place, and the women finished second.

The Lions scored a perfect 15 points. Freshman Larry Boswell led the way for the team with a time of 26:08. Following Boswell were freshman Simo Wannas, 26:12; senior Jake Wells, 26:19; freshman Petri Kykry, 26:40; freshman David Owens, 27:22; and sophomore Chris Morris, 27:31.

"This was the first time I had a team score a 15 in 13 years," said Tom Rutledge, men's cross country coach. "It's always nice to score a perfect score, but we still have to work on the fifth and sixth man to pack up better."

"It went really well," Boswell said. "We finished first through six. Everyone ran well. There wasn't a whole lot of competition, so we packed up. Coach [Rutledge] was pleased."

Rutledge said the main reason the team went to compete at UMR was to prepare for conference, which will be held there. The goal was to become more familiar with the course.

"There's always competition," he said. "But we compete against ourselves. We have to dictate what we do."

The Lady Lions finished behind Truman State University, which had the top two runners. Finishing first for the Lady Lions, and third overall, was sophomore Margaret Miklovic, 23:31. Chasity Hank finished fifth with a time of 23:50. Following Miklovic and Hank were Angela Hyde, 30th, 24:26; Brenna McCall, 11th, 24:28; Jill Becker, 14th, 24:40; and Emily Petty, 15th, 24:46.

Patty Vavra, women's cross country coach, said the small meet gave the Lady Lions an opportunity to work on some small things that still need to be taken care of.

"It was a good opportunity and a small meet for us to pack in tighter, and to go head to head with Truman State," she said. "I really felt we took a giant step in the right direction toward reaching our season goals. These last few weeks of training are beginning to pay dividends."

"We packed together more than we've ever been," said Petty, a junior. "We were closer to Truman than we thought we would be. We'll be right there if we just pick it up a bit."

Both the Lions and Lady Lions see action tomorrow when they compete at Washington University in St. Louis. Both Rutledge and Vavra believe their teams will compete well in the last race of the season.

Rutledge says this is usually a good-sized meet, and that most of the schools competing in Southern's conference will be there.

"It will be time to see how good we really are," he said. "And if not, this should show us what we have to do at conference."

"We are kind of sticking to the same plan as always," Boswell said. "It's a fast course, and we're doing just pretty much going to do what we've been doing."

Vavra thinks the Lady Lions should run well because the course is fast and flat, which should work to their advantage. She also says this race will be good because the Lady Lions will have a chance to look at teams in their conference that they have not competed against this year.

"We just need to focus on ourselves," she said. "This is a really good chance for us to get out and run fast and try to improve our speed."

After this weekend, both cross country teams prepare for conference. □

Lady Lions seeking revenge tonight

By KRISTY HAMBY
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The Lady Lions suffered another loss to Truman State University Friday night.

The team came out strong in the beginning but seemed to lose focus in the final game of the match, dropping 2-3 games in the match. Recapping the games played Friday: 15-11, 9-15, 15-13, 8-15, and 11-15.

As the score states, the Lions came to play but were inconsistent. Debbie Traywick, head coach, said early in the season that the team must play consistently in all the games in order to win the match.

"We lost focus in the fourth and fifth games," said junior Stephanie Bonger. "We did not stay focused throughout the match."

"Truman State came into our match Friday ranked seventh in the region, and we gave them a good fight," Traywick said.

Sophomore Katie Moore is currently in second place in MIAA conference in hitting percentage, Traywick said.

Meredith Hyde, senior, and Moore are among the teams leaders in kills per game.

Hyde leads the team with 210 kills in 64 games, and Moore leads with 174 in 64 games.

The Lady Lions travel to Maryville tonight to seek revenge on the Northwest Missouri State

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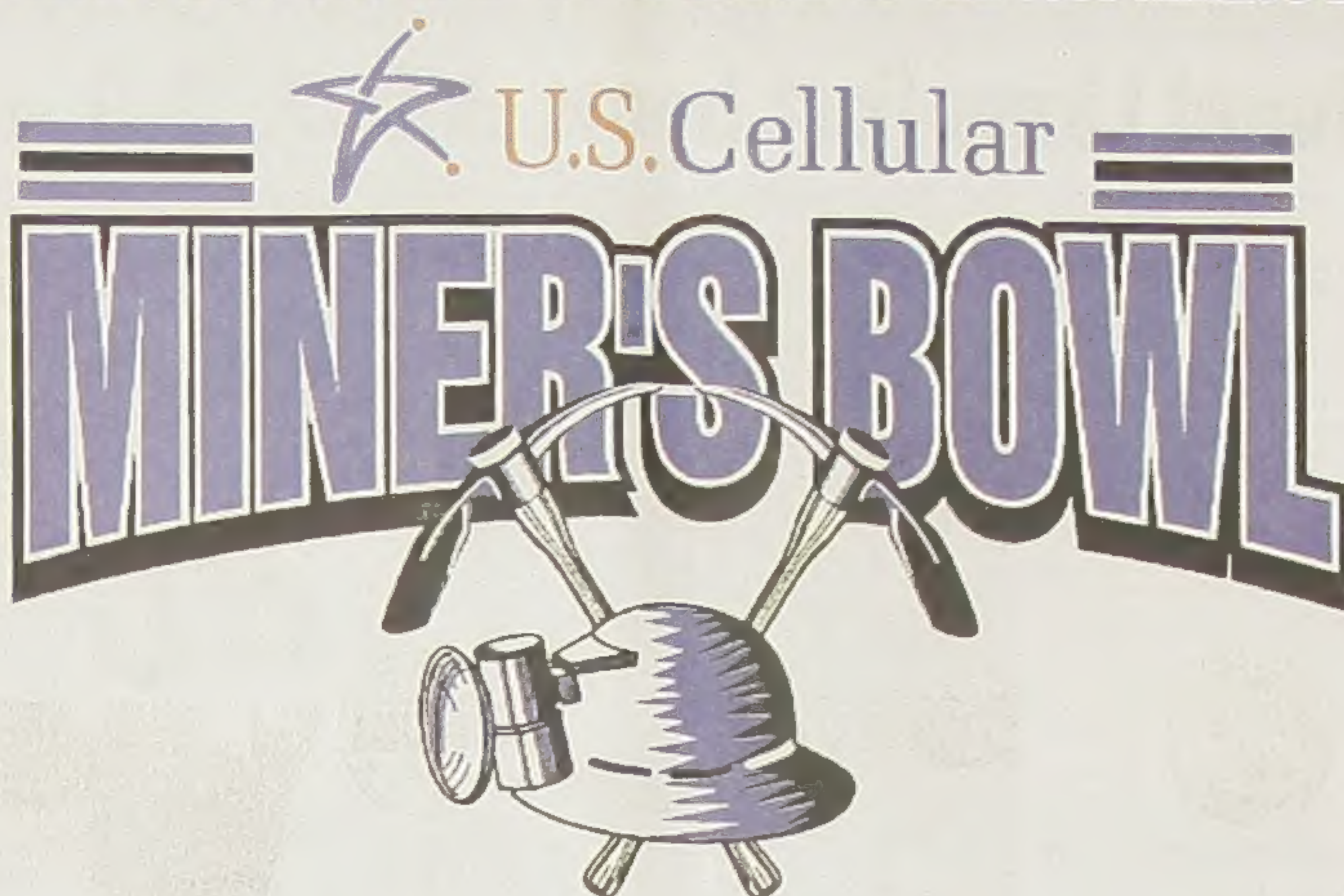
University Bearcats at 7 p.m. The Bearcats upset the Lady Lions earlier in the season. Following tonight's match, the spikers head north to St. Joseph to try for a shutout against Missouri Western State College at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

"We just need to stay focused and we can win these conference games this weekend," Bonger said.

"We are looking forward to the challenge of playing these teams this weekend," Traywick said. "There seems to be parity in the MIAA this season in volleyball, and it makes the games much more exciting. The team is not currently ranked nationally at this time, however our goal at this moment is to be competitive for the conference title."

The Lady Lions' record is 7-10 overall, and 3-4 in the conference. □

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